

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT
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Fantasy—Vandeville.
Dominion—Till I Come Back to You.
Variety—The Missing Links.
Columbia—The Blind Adventure.
Romano—Annexing Bill.

Victoria Daily Times

WEATHER FORECAST
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and milder, followed by rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and milder, with sleet or rain.

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THIRTEEN MISSING AS RESULT OF BURNING OF CAR IN ONTARIO

Tourist Car of a C. P. R. Train Caught Fire 120 Miles West of Fort William Before Daylight This Morning and Lives Were Lost; Eight Injured

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—As a result of the destruction by fire this morning of a tourist coach of C.P.R. train No. 4, bound for Toronto from Winnipeg, thirteen persons are missing and eight sustained minor injuries. The work of establishing the identity of the missing passengers is proceeding, but some time must pass before a reliable list can be furnished.

When the fire was discovered by the trainmen the train was being held for orders at Bonheur Station, 120 miles west of Fort William. The crew lost no time in forcing an entrance into the coach. Although the flames had gained much headway and the work was attended with much danger, the trainmen succeeded in rescuing a number of the passengers.

The origin of the fire is not known definitely, but it is believed that it started in an upper berth occupied by a man, his wife and baby. Presumably a match was struck for some purpose and the curtains caught fire.

A thorough investigation is being made by the C. P. R. officials.

The train, apart from the destroyed car, was not damaged.

The Vice-President of the C. P. R. issued the following statement regarding the accident:

"At 6:57 a.m. to-day the second section of train No. 4 stopped for train orders at Bonheur Station, 120 miles west of Fort William, Ont. Conductor Beggs, of Fort William, in charge of the train, walking back to the train, saw flames bursting from the front end of the tourist car 628. At once it was evident that the coach would be rapidly destroyed.

Rescued Some.

"The train crew and the engine crew immediately burst into the coach and rescued many passengers as they could reach. We regret to state that, as nearly as can be ascertained at the moment, thirteen passengers are missing, although it is possible that several of these escaped into the other coaches and have not reported themselves to the train conductor. Eight passengers who were rescued are slightly injured.

General Superintendent Stevens, Mechanical Superintendent Temple and other officials of the company have left Winnipeg by special train to hold a searching investigation into the cause of the fire and the fatalities surrounding it.

Started in Curtains.

From the reports of survivors it would appear that the fire started in the curtains of an upper berth occupied by a man, his wife and baby. It might be surmised that they had been trying to heat food for the child with a spirit lamp or had struck a light for some reason. When the flames reached the curtains of the berth it would be impossible to control them.

The names and addresses of the rescued and the missing, and the result of the investigation to be held, will be given out to the press at the earliest possible moment, the company's statement says.

SPEAKS OF PROBLEM OF JEWS IN POLAND

Pilsudski, Military Head of Polish Government, Says Jewish Question is Greatest

Warsaw, Dec. 15.—Via London, Dec. 17.—General Joseph Pilsudski, the military head of the Polish Government and the popular idol of Poland, spoke freely to-day with the Associated Press correspondent here respecting the situation in this country.

"The Jewish question is the most difficult for Poland," he said, "and it will need great efforts and sacrifices on the part of both the Poles and Jews to reach a solution. One of the best proofs of our tolerance toward the Jews may be found in the fact that they were permitted to participate in the recent election.

"A special commission is investigating the alleged pogroms at Lemberg. It has been established that the first act of the Ukrainians after occupying that city was to release prisoners from the jails. These prisoners began to pillage the city and disorders naturally followed.

"When Polish patrols entered the Lemberg ghetto they were fired upon from windows and hot water was poured upon them. At the beginning of the trouble the forces of Polish regular troops in Lemberg were unable to cope with the situation, but when reinforced, they restored order and placed in jail 1,500 persons, many of whom were Ukrainians.

Need Army.

Speaking of the general situation of Poland, Gen. Pilsudski said: "We need an army to avoid the danger of civil war and to guarantee the frontiers against the Bolsheviks, and particularly the army of Gen. Hoffman. These factors constitute a menace unless we get help from the Allies. We have some army supplies, which were taken from the Germans when they retreated.

GOVERNMENT WISHES TO CLEAR UP ANGLE

But Premier Says Proposals of Prohibition Leader Not Helpful

ANSWER GIVEN TO NELSON ON FINDLAY CASE

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Discussing the Findlay case, Premier Oliver last night took strong exception to certain strictures made by John Nelson, president of the People's Prohibition Movement, in a statement published here yesterday afternoon.

"If Mr. Nelson is looking for a scrap he won't find me running away from it," was Mr. Oliver's opening remark.

"Mr. Nelson came to me last Friday with others and said his association wanted this thing cleared up and he wanted the Government to get after the higher-ups. I told him he was no more anxious to clear this thing up than the Government was, but 'How are you going to do it?' I asked him. I pointed out to him that it needed a prophet to see what would happen, that Findlay probably would go into court and plead guilty and pay his fine and that that would end that particular episode. No evidence would come out and there would be no chance to get a statement that would involve others. Suggestions Made.

"Mr. Nelson made some suggestions which I do not pretend to quote verbatim, nor do I remember the exact words he used," continued the Premier, "but the impression he left in my mind was that the Government could use Findlay's position to make him talk, either by exerting pressure or by holding it. That could be done in only one of two ways. Either to threaten him with dire prosecution or promise to protect him. Mind you, Mr. Nelson did not put it that way, but that is the only way Mr. Nelson's suggestion could have been carried out. I am not in that kind of business," was Mr. Oliver's comment.

"What Mr. Nelson says about Findlay's knowledge of the guilt of others is very true—obvious to anyone—but Findlay has been tried, convicted and fined to the limit of the law. There is no evidence upon which to base any other charges.

Continuing, the Premier said: "Mr. Nelson speaks of the laxity with which the law has been handled for some weeks past and the certain open defiance in law breaking which always accompanies the violation of the law, this having been notorious of late. If Mr. Nelson knew these things he should have notified either the Government or the police. Certainly the Government knows nothing of the evidence. The disclosure came it did not come from Mr. Nelson.

"Mr. Nelson," the Premier, went on to say, "says the Department of the Attorney-General has more sources of information than anyone else, and should use them to bring the law-breakers to justice. The Attorney-General's Department will use all its sources of information, and will do all it can to enforce the law, but I want to point out that there are in this city probably a hundred city policemen to one provincial policeman, and it is the duty of the city police to enforce the law if they can. The provincial police have no sources of information not open to the city police. Evidence Would Disappear.

"Finally, Mr. Nelson says a Select Committee of the House might make an investigation or one might be made by a Commission. As the House is not in session and the Commission would be appointed until February at the earliest, and you can imagine how much evidence would be available by that time, or available even by the time a Commission would get to work. The only way to get a case is to get the evidence and lay an information in the usual way."

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OUT OF UNIFORM SOON AS POSSIBLE

Mewburn Says That, With Liberal Pay, Best Plan for Returned Soldiers

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Discussing here yesterday the payment to discharged soldiers of three months' furlough pay, Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, said:

"I believe that it should be increased to about six months' pay, and I will tell you why. It has been suggested that we bring the men back here and keep them employed as soldiers for a time. I do not think that would be the right way. Instead of keeping the men in barracks, it would be better to get them out of uniform as quickly as they can. It costs much to keep a man in the army. Why can not those of us who stay at home be taxed to pay these men for another six months as a war bonus for what they have done? I believe it ought to be done. A man may get a job to-morrow, but even then he is entitled to it, and it will make his mind easier about the future if he is working."

The Minister admitted that it was important not to encourage a man not to become a loafer. "Some of the finest men that ever lived went to South Africa and have never done a day's work since," he added.

REPORT TO BERLIN TELLS OF REVOLUTION IN BULGAR COUNTRY

Berlin, Dec. 17.—A revolution has broken out in Bulgaria, according to information received by The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger from Bulgaria by way of Hungary.

GERMAN WHITE BOOK WILL BE ISSUED

New Government Using Documents in Preparing Statement on War's Origin

VON MACKENSEN IS HELD IN HUNGARY

Budapest Paper Says He Has Been Interned at Allies' Request

GERMANS REPORTED INTERNED IN ROUMANIA

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Field-Marshal von Mackensen, who was commander of the German forces in Roumania, has been interned by the Hungarian Government, according to The Aesop, of Budapest. The Hungarian Government is reported to have informed the German leader that his internment had been demanded by the Allies.

Other dispatches received here from Hungary say that the Roumanians have disarmed and interned the rear-guard of Field-Marshal von Mackensen's army.

A dispatch from Berlin on November 24 reported that Field-Marshal von Mackensen had arrived there with his staff and that his army was marching through Austria-Hungary toward Germany. On December 1 it was reported that the Hungarian Government had decided to intern von Mackensen's forces. The Frankfurt Zeitung on December 5 printed a report that von Mackensen had fled from Hermannstadt, Transylvania.

SPANISH COMMISSION SCORES GERMANS FOR SHOOTING FRENCHMEN

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Spanish investigators who conducted an inquiry into the shooting of French prisoners of war at the German prison camp at Langensalz have forwarded their report to the French authorities, according to The Petit Journal. The newspaper says the report declares that the attitude of the prisoners did not justify the ruthless methods of the Germans. Witnesses, although the date has not been fixed, are the prisoners erected a theatre. Before leaving the prison they attempted to tear it down, and while they were thus engaged were fired upon by German sentries.

PARLIAMENT PROBABLY WILL ASSEMBLE SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Parliament is expected to meet the second week of February, although the date has not yet been definitely fixed by the Government. Sir Robert Borden is not expected back for the opening, but his decision in this regard, however, will be determined by events overseas.

The present Parliament is a year old, this being the first anniversary of the day when the Union Government won a victory at the polls.

CANADIAN OFFICERS REACH NEW YORK ON S. S. CARONIA

New York, Dec. 17.—The British steamships Princess Juliana and Caronia, bringing small contingents of military, naval and civilian contingents from the United Kingdom and France, came into port to-day. The Caronia's passengers were largely Canadian, Australian and American officers.

Among the latter were Naval Lieut. J. H. Fulcher, of Frisco, N. C., and F. L. Muller, of Oakland, Cal., who spent forty-five days as prisoners aboard the German submarine Deutschland.

PREMIER OLIVER AT SQUAMISH DEALING WITH P. G. E. MATTERS

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Premier Oliver went to Squamish this morning to look into certain matters in connection with the P. G. E. The Government contemplates the erection of a number of new houses to accommodate the workmen on the line, and the Premier intends also to look into the waterworks situation.

The water system is now owned by a private company and the Government is considering the acquisition of the system and extending it. By running a pipeline farther up the mountain a heavier head could be developed, which would eliminate the present pumping plant and at the same time provide power for a hydro-electric plant, which is now a necessity in the town.

DUTCH WORK TOWARD CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 17.—(Havas)—There is an important movement under way in Dutch commercial, political and financial circles, according to a dispatch from The Hague to The Matin, indicating that the foreign policy of Holland will assume a new direction based on closer relations with the Entente nations.

The leader of the Dutch Economic League in a speech at Harlem declared that his party recognized that the river Scheldt should be internationalized.

NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE STILL TO BE DECIDED

Composition of Congress Which Will Sit in France, Remains to Be Fixed by Allied Governments in Agreement, Says Note Issued in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Not even the number of delegates to the peace conference has as yet been fixed, says an official note issued here denying various reports as to the make-up of the French delegation. The note reads: "Various newspapers have given the composition of the French delegation to the peace conference. Their information is mistaken. Even the number of delegates will not be fixed until an understanding is reached between the Allied Governments, the same as for the procedure."

Rome, Dec. 17.—Changes have been made in the personnel of the Italian delegation to the peace conference, which was unofficially announced recently, according to The Tribuna. That newspaper says that the representatives of this country at Versailles will be Premier Orlando, Baron Sonnino, Foreign Minister, Francesco Saverio Nitti, Minister of the Treasury; M. Leonida Bisolati-Bergamaschi, leader of the Reform Socialists and Minister of Military and War Penalties; Gen. Armando Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian army, and Vice-Admiral Paolo Thaon di Revel, former Chief of the Naval Staff.

Belgian Delegation.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The Belgian Government announces that its delegation to the peace congress will be composed of Paul Hymans, Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Justice; Emile Vandervelde, Minister of Justice and Socialist leader, and Baron Van Den Heuvel, Belgian Minister at the Vatican and former Minister of Justice.

BERLIN BOYS AND GIRLS DEMONSTRATE WANT SHARE IN GOVERNMENT AND NO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Via London, Dec. 17.—(Associated Press)—Several hundred boys and girls paraded through the streets of Berlin to-day on their way to the Reichstag building, where the Soldiers' and Workmen's Congress is being held. They demanded, among other things, votes for persons eighteen years of age, the abolition of corporal punishment in the schools and the participation by children in the administration of the Government and schools. The marchers carried red flags and incendiary placards.

A seventeen-year-old lad made an address warning the Executive Committee of "terrible consequences" if the juvenile programme were not carried out.

The chairman of the Executive Committee declared his sympathy with the children's demands.

Later the procession gathered in the square in front of the Reichstag building, where youthful orators demanded the removal of Premier Ebert, and Philipp Scheidemann from office, opposing the convening of a National Assembly and threatening a juvenile strike throughout Germany if their demands were not immediately accepted.

TWO MORE VESSELS BRINGING CANADIAN SOLDIERS TO HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 17.—The steamship Regina, from London December 12 is expected to arrive here December 21 with forty-one officers and 2,039 of other ranks. Among the passengers for the West: Officers Other Ranks

Victoria	.....	3	26
Vancouver	.....	2	188
Calgary	.....	2	24
Regina	.....	2	24
Winnipeg	.....	1	40

The Esquibo is expected to arrive here December 19, with thirty-six officers and 559 of other ranks, together with six nursing sisters. She is bringing seven officers and 214 of other ranks for Kingston, Ontario, and small numbers for other districts.

SUGGESTION FOR THOSE SENDING LETTERS OR PARCELS TO SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—A telegram has been received by the Militia Department from Sir Edward Kemp, making a practical suggestion for the benefit of persons communicating with Canadian soldiers overseas during the period of demobilization. It is pointed out that during this period of movement of troops and changes in organization, difficulties will arise in delivering postal matter. The suggestion is that:

"The names and addresses of the sender be clearly written on the outside of all envelopes or parcels addressed to members of the overseas military forces of Canada."

This will facilitate the return to the senders of any postal matter which it may prove impossible to deliver. The public in Great Britain is being asked through the press and by other means to take similar precautions.

POLISH GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED IN FULL ACCORD WITH ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 17.—In discussing the severance of relations between Poland and Germany, The Petit Journal foresees an alliance in the near future of the Polish Government with the democratic party of Posen (German Poland).

The Polish Government, it is reported, is preparing to adhere completely to the Entente Alliance.

WILSON'S "OFFICIAL" VISIT TO PARIS ENDED LAST NIGHT

Paris, Dec. 17.—President Wilson's "official" visit to Paris came to a close last night. The Paris edition of The London Daily Mail, in discussing the President's reception, says:

"He has had one of the most remarkable receptions ever accorded a guest of the French nation, although the President has been careful to give his view that in him Paris has seen the representative of the American nation."

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ARMY FIGURES ARE GIVEN BY MEWBURN

611,741 Men Handled in Canada; Canadian Troops in Europe Till March

Toronto, Dec. 17.—In an address to the Canadian Club here yesterday, Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, announced that during the war through the hands of the Canadian military machine in one form or another. He also said that the fighting troops in France would remain at the front until March. "Peace is not yet signed," he observed.

"The exact number of enlistments, etc., reported up to November 15 was 595,411," said General Mewburn, "and in addition, some 16,300 men who came into the recruiting authorities were struck off the strength. The two sets of figures thus aggregate 611,741."

"Of the 595,411, some 41,000 were men who were dealt with but were not required to render service; more than 21,000 enlisted in services other than the C. E. F., and about 15,000 were reservists, British and Allied, who were assigned by the Canadian Government to their own armies."

"The exact figures are contained in the following memorandum:—

"The total number of recruits obtained for the C. E. F. by voluntary enlistment is reported to be 445,898.

"Military Service Act:—

"(a) Obtained under the Military Service Act or voluntarily reporting within the class called out, 33,355.

"(b) On leave without pay under Orders-in-Council relating to compassionate and hardship cases, or subsequently discharged, 34,933.

"(c) Struck off strength and returned to the records of Registrars appointed by the Military Service Branch of the Justice Department as liable only to non-combatant service (either as conscientious objectors or by reason of the War-Time Election Act) or as being of a category which ought not to have been ordered to report, 16,990.

"Other Services:—

"Other than C. E. F. enlisted in Canada for overseas service, the following:—

"Royal Air Force, 12,942.

"Motor Transport, 710.

"Inland Water Transport, 4,071.

"Naval Service, 2,841.

"Jewish Palestine draft, 42.

"Total, 21,363.

"Reservists—In addition to the foregoing, British and Allied reservists who were called to the colors of their own country, 14,500.

Proceeded Overseas.

"Total number of C. E. F. proceeded overseas, 418,952. Overseas service other than C. E. F.—enlisted men for Royal Air Force, etc., who are either overseas or in Canada, 2,159. British and Allied reservists transported overseas from Canada, 14,500.

"In Canada and St. Lucia.

"(a) On the strength C. E. F. in Canada and St. Lucia, including those under training as overseas reinforcements, Siberian Expeditionary Force, Canadian Garrison Regiment, military police corps, medical and administrative services, etc., but not including an estimated number of 12,500 who formed part of the total force which actually proceeded overseas but who are now in Canada in hospitals, undischarged or on duty, 36,555.

On Leave.

"(b) On harvest leave without pay, 15,405.

"(c) On compassionate leave, 7,214.

"(d) Discharged—Number discharged in Canada who had not proceeded overseas for the following, among other reasons: As holders of military districts from time to time, and stands at 1,760.

"The work of the Canadian military police corps has been exceedingly heavy. The total number of cases handled under the Military Service Act have been: Defaulters, 18,324; absentees, 9,454; deserters, apprehended, both drafted and others, 2,504; cases investigated, 25,121.

"A large percentage of this number were found medically unfit and allowed to return to civil life.

"General Mewburn stated that it would have been better had the Canadian army been organized as one unit instead of consisting of what was practically three Canadian armies—one in Canada, one in the United Kingdom and one in France.

Until March.

"The Canadian troops in France will remain there until March," said the Minister. It will do them no harm. The question is what they will be doing going through as troops of occupation in Germany will send them to settle down to normal conditions. Canada is not going to funk her duty. Peace is not yet signed.

"At the time the armistice was signed there were 228,000 Canadians to be brought back from Europe. The question with which they will be brought back depends upon ships and railways. It was first thought that those with the longest service overseas, particularly married men, should come first. Then the process was made that they be returned by units. This would be almost impossible, as the battalions are made up of drafts from all over Canada."

While peace had not yet been signed, he said, arrangements had been made for bringing the troops home as rapidly as possible.

There were, he said, about 2,000 widows of Canadian soldiers in England who had never seen Canada.

Hospital Cases.

"The number of hospital cases in the United Kingdom is 22,000, and in France 10,000," said the Minister. They must not be hurried home. They are now getting the best of hospital treatment in the world and to move them before they are sufficiently recovered might have serious results. The medical men and nursing sisters, who rendered service of untold value, probably will have to be retained for two or three years yet.

"Our troops are now being brought home at the rate of 5,000 a week. There were 25,000 in January and 30,000 in February. This is the most the railways can handle. Starting in March, we will bring home 30,000 a month, and as many more as can be handled. If a battalion is brought home as a unit, it can be carried on two trains running together."

BRITISH INFANTRY EAST OF THE RHINE

Troops, Including Canadians, Holding Bridgehead Stipulated in Armistic Terms

Cologne, Dec. 16.—(Via London, Dec. 17.)—The final phase of the occupation of German territory by the British army as specified by the armistice was being worked out to-day.

Three divisions of infantry made formal entry into Cologne this morning, and crossed the great bridges over the Rhine to follow the cavalry out to the semi-circular line which is being established about the bridgehead. A similar operation is being conducted at Bonn, on the Rhine south of Cologne.

General Plumer, the British commander, was here to review the troops. Scottish, English and Canadian infantry units passed through Cologne with full equipment and made a fine showing, although it was raining heavily and the men were drenched. Despite the down-pour, thousands of civilians lined the route of the march, and stood patiently under umbrellas in order to see the British soldiers. The crowds displayed no hostility, and appeared to be merely curious.

General Plumer remained at his post at the reviewing stand until the last soldier passed by without apparently having given a thought to the weather.

GEN. BIRDWOOD AND CHURCHILL SPEAK OF GALLIOLI FIGHT

London, Dec. 17.—Lieut.-General W. R. Birdwood, commander of the Australian and New Zealand troops, and formerly commander of the British Expeditionary Force at the Dardanelles; and Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, who as First Lord of the Admiralty at the outbreak of the war was officially identified with the Dardanelles operations, were the guests of honor yesterday afternoon of the Australian and New Zealand Luncheon Club. General Birdwood paid high tribute to the fighting qualities of the troops, and added:

"It is obvious that we were unable to achieve the military object at which we aimed, but I am confident that when history comes to sum up the operations of this war, justice will be done to what was accomplished by the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. It was at Gallipoli that the flower of the Turkish army was annihilated."

Mr. Churchill said:

"Although we did not succeed in gaining the immediate result which would have followed from success, the event was one which, from almost every point of view, was fruitful and played a definite part in the attainment of the final result. The heart and soul were taken out of the Turkish army by the British-Australian force which landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Never again were the Turks able to present a battlefront."

In the second place, the fact that Bulgaria was prevented from joining the ranks of our enemies from March until September, 1915, is one of the most significant, the true measure and importance of which it is not even possible to give."

DESERTERS SENTENCED TO LONG TERMS MAY RECEIVE CLEMENCY

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—By process of courtmartial some heavy sentences have been imposed on deserters from Canadian draft battalions. In Winnipeg the other day a man was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. In Ottawa recently a deserter was given twenty years. Several other similar sentences have been imposed.

There is authority for the statement that these punishments, to a considerable degree, were designed to be exemplary. When peace is finally concluded, or within a reasonable time thereafter, it is anticipated that clemency may be extended, more particularly to those whose sentences have been for long terms.

GETTING SEMENOFF IN LINE.

Vladivostok, Dec. 16.—The differences between General Semenov, the Russian anti-Bolshevik leader in the China region, and Admiral Koltchak, head of the Omsk government, apparently are being adjusted through the efforts of British and French military officers and General Duffoff, Hetman of the Ural Cossacks.

Catarrh Of The Stomach Is Dangerous

"Thousands Have It and Don't Know It," Says Physician. Frequently Mistaken for Indigestion—How to Recognize and Treat.

"Thousands of people suffer more or less constantly from furred, coated tongue, bad breath, sour burning stomach, bitter eructations, gas, wind and stomach acidity and call it indigestion when in reality their trouble is due to gastric catarrh of the stomach," writes a New York physician.

Catarrh of the stomach is dangerous because the mucous membrane lining of the stomach is thickened and a coating of phlegm covers the surface so that the digestive fluids cannot mix with the food and digest them. This condition soon breeds deadly diseases in the form of cancer, gastric ulcers, and other ailments. Gastric ulcers are apt to form and frequently an ulcer is the first sign of a deadly cancer.

In catarrh of the stomach a good and safe treatment is to take before meals a teaspoonful of pure Bisulphate of Magnesia in half a glass of hot water as hot as you can comfortably drink it. The hot water washes the mucus from the stomach walls and draws the blood to the stomach, while the bisulphate of magnesia is an excellent solvent or mucous and increases the efficiency of the hot water treatment. Moreover the Bisulphate of Magnesia will neutralize any excess hydrochloric acid that may be in your stomach and sweeten its food contents. Easy, natural digestion without distress of any kind should soon follow. Bisulphate of Magnesia is not a laxative, it is harmless, pleasant to take and can be obtained from any local druggist. Don't confuse Bisulphate of Magnesia with other forms of magnesia, milk, citric acid, etc., but get it in the pure bisulphate form (powder or tablets), especially prepared for this purpose.

BRITAIN BELIEVED TO HAVE TERRIBLE ENGINE OF WAR

London, Dec. 17.—Recent rumors that the War Office had for some time been in possession of a new engine of destruction more deadly than anything previously known, and calculated to make war impossible if the nature of it should be disclosed and its effectiveness proved, apparently were confirmed by Gen. Seely, former War Secretary, in an election speech, in which he said:

"If the nations of the world do not end war, modern science, mechanically and chemically, will destroy civilization and probably the whole of the human race. I have special reasons for knowing this, and it is known to the Prime Minister as well."

POPE MAY LEAVE VATICAN GROUNDS

Rome, Dec. 17.—That Pope Benedict is prepared to abandon a custom of nearly fifty years and no longer consider himself bound to remain within the grounds of the Vatican is the firm belief in several circles here. Many incidents recently have led public opinion toward this belief. No Pontiff has left the Vatican grounds since 1871, as a protest against the occupation of Rome by the Italian Government.

Reports that the Pope would leave the Vatican grounds have appeared many times since the Pope lost temporal powers. During the reign of Pope Benedict the question was brought up first last June, when the Vatican issued a denial of a report in Spanish newspapers that the Pope would leave Rome for Spain.

BOLSHEVIKI PLANNING

New York, Dec. 17.—The Bolsheviki are trying to raise an army of 3,000,000 men to put down the conservative elements in Russia, whom they term imperialists, Capt. Platon Quisthoff, formerly of the Second Life Hussars, who left Petrograd October 30, declared on his arrival here yesterday.

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FIRE KILLS TWO MEN IN SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Two men were burned to death and five were taken to a hospital suffering from burns and smoke-puffing as the result of a fire which broke out this morning in a men's lodging house here. It is feared that the investigation will reveal more bodies in the ruins. The cause of the fire has not been learned.

BRATIANO FORMING ROUMANIAN CABINET

Balonica, Dec. 16.—(Via London, Dec. 17.)—A wireless dispatch received here from Jassy, Roumania, says that King Ferdinand has requested Mr. Bratiano, former Premier, to form a National Ministry.

The dispatch adds that it is reported that Mr. Bratiano will form a coalition Cabinet with the support of the Conservative Party.

CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR ALLEGED DESERTER IN TERMINAL CITY

New Westminster, Dec. 17.—Something of the nature of a clash between the civil and military authorities took place in police court here yesterday when the case of Frank Wintemute, an alleged deserter from the Imperial army, was called. Lieut. Heritage, representing the provost-marshal of Medical District No. 11, said he had peremptory instructions to demand that Wintemute be turned over to the military. Magistrate Edmonds informed him that the man was in custody of the civil authorities and would remain so until his case was dealt with. The magistrate adjourned the case for another week and renewed bail.

Wintemute left court, the military making no move to arrest him.

ALLENBY MADE STATE ENTRY INTO ALEPPO

London, Dec. 17.—(Reuters.)—An official telegram from Palestine states that General Allenby made a state entry into Aleppo on December 10 with a large escort of Indian cavalry. The streets were lined by the Fifth Cavalry Division. A crowd of 100,000 watched the procession. The Mayor handed the keys of the city and bread and salt to General Allenby at the gate.

The general, at the Governor's residence, gave an audience to the chiefs of the Moslem, Christian and Jewish faiths and leading citizens, and also the civil administrative heads, and addressed the people gathered in the square amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm, which testified to the people's affection for the victorious liberators.

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BIG WINTER WHEAT CROP IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 17.—The largest winter wheat crop ever grown in the history of the United States is promised by the enormous acreage sown this Fall. The acreage is almost sixteen per cent larger than last year's and totals 49,027,000 acres.

The area sown to rye is 4,520,000 acres, which is 1.7 per cent more than the revised estimated area sown in the Fall of 1917, which was 6,708,000 acres.

The conditions of the crop on December 1 was 89.9 per cent of normal, compared with 84.1 a year ago, 88.5 in 1916 and a ten-year average of 81.4.

A crop of 755,000,000 bushels or 80,000,000 bushels more than the best record; is forecast by the Department of Agriculture as next year's winter wheat yield, allowing for winter killing and spring abandonment. Last year's crop was 555,235,000 bushels.

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VENIZELOS MEETS WILSON.

Paris, Dec. 17.—M. Venizelos, Premier of Greece, met President Wilson in a conference in which the Greek aspirations and viewpoints doubtless were placed before the President.

SELF HAS QUIT.

Berne, Dec. 18.—(Via London, Dec. 17.)—A dispatch received here from Berlin says the resignation of Dr. W. S. Solf, Imperial Secretary of State, has been accepted.

NATURAL RESOURCES OF PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Calder Says Dominion Government Still Endeavoring to Arrange Settlement

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, has given to the Canadian Press the following statement dealing with the question of the natural resources of the prairie provinces:

"Numerous statements are appearing in the press of Western Canada to the effect that the Federal Government has refused to deal with the question of the transfer of their natural resources to the prairie provinces. Those responsible for these statements must know they do not represent the existing situation as regards this problem. Briefly stated, the following are the facts:

"Early in the year it was decided by Sir Robert Borden, upon the request of Premiers Norris, Martin and Stewart, that the question of the transfer of their resources would be the subject of discussion at a general provincial conference to be held later in the year, which conference finally was held last month.

"At that conference it was intimated that the Federal Government agreed with the principle of the transfer of the resources, and the whole discussion proceeded along the line of endeavoring to arrive at an agreement on the terms and conditions under which the transfer must be made. All the provinces of Canada, except the prairie provinces, maintained that they had an interest in the matter and that the prairie provinces should not be permitted to retain their grants in lieu of land and at the same time have transferred to them their natural resources as well.

Suggestions Made.

"Tentative suggestions were made by Sir Robert Borden to the effect that it might be advisable for the Dominion to retain control and ownership of the forest reserves, natural parks and waterpowers, and that in the public interest some provision might be made whereby the Federal Government in the future, if it should so desire, could secure limited collections. These were merely suggestions for discussion.

"At the close of the conference it was apparent that the representatives of the provinces could not agree, and finally the prairie provinces submitted their views as to the question either by formal resolution or statement.

"As yet the Federal Government has reached no decision regarding the final settlement of the question. The matter is still under consideration and the purpose of the Government is to endeavor to find an equitable solution of the problem. The Government itself can not decide a question of this nature.

"United States exports to Japan have had a striking increase during the last three years, amounting to 139 per cent.

HAIG WILL RETURN TO LONDON THURSDAY; A WARM WELCOME

London, Dec. 17.—Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in France, will arrive in England next Thursday morning with a staff of distinguished officers. After landing at the dockyard in Dover the Field-Marshal and his party will drive from the seaford to the Admiralty pier station, where a civic address will be presented to the Field-Marshal. Later Sir Douglas will drive to the town hall. Lady Haig will be present. Leaving Dover, the Field-Marshal is expected to arrive in London in the early afternoon, where he will be met by the Duke of Connaught on behalf of King George. An imposing military welcome is being arranged by the War Office. From the station the Field-Marshal with troops lining the streets, will drive to Buckingham Palace, where King George will give a luncheon in his honor.

LAND SCHEME IN VANCOUVER AREA

Proposal for Half-Acre Home-sites for Returned Men Laid Before Premier

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—At a two-hour session yesterday afternoon representatives of the surrounding municipalities and returned soldiers here laid before Premier Oliver a scheme for the providing of half-acre home-sites in Burnaby, South Vancouver and Point Grey at a low price to returned men on long-term payments. It appeared at the conclusion of the meeting that the plan, in some form or other, would be acceptable to the Premier, who expressed himself as being anxious and willing to do anything within his power that would be considered fair for the scheme put forward to help the returned men.

SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS ENEMY ALIENS

PRINCE FUSHIMI OF JAPAN IN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Prince Hiroshi Fushimi, of the Royal House of Japan, passed through here last night en route home after paying an official visit to the United Kingdom where he presented a sword to King George. He is accompanied by several Japanese officials, including Lieut.-General Goro Shiba, Vice-Admiral K. Oguri and Marquis Katsunosuke Inoue, President of the Department of Affairs of the Royal Family.

COPIES OF WILSON'S SPEECHES BURNED BY WOMEN IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 17.—Nearly 300 members of the National Women's Party, carrying torches and banners, paraded by the White House yesterday and, grouping around the statue of Lafayette in a public square across the Avenue from the executive mansion, ceremoniously burned all available copies of speeches made by President Wilson. The demonstration was staged as a protest against the failure of the Senate to adopt the resolution submitting the federal suffrage constitutional amendment to the states.

MANSION IN GERMANY CURRIE'S HEADQUARTERS

London, Dec. 17.—The route taken by the Canadians into Germany has lain through a well-wooded territory not unlike certain parts of Northern Ontario. Lieut.-General Currie's headquarters are in a mansion on the edge of a town formerly the home of a cousin of Admiral von Spee. Before General Currie's arrival the best picture including portraits of the ex-Kaiser, were removed.

ITALIAN LABOR MEETING IN CHICAGO A STORMY AFFAIR

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The efforts of several members of the Italian Labor mission, now on a tour of the United States, to address a meeting of Chicago's Italian labor men last night started a furious fight in the hall. The trouble was attributed to radical Socialists and Bolsheviks among the audience. Several shots were fired without doing any damage and knives and chairs were used as weapons until 100 patrolmen and detectives arrived and stopped the conflict. Several men were injured, but not seriously. The members of the mission were not hurt.

VOTES FOR WOMEN CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 17.—Several groups of French women suffrage advocates have joined in issuing a manifesto demanding that the political rights of women be recognized by the Government before the next election is held.

REPORT AMERICAN SQUADRON AT POLA SAID TO BE UNTRUE

Lisbon, Dec. 17.—The Italian Embassy here states that the report from Laibach to the effect that an American squadron had arrived at Pola was unfounded.

OFF TO BERLIN.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(Via London, Dec. 17.)—Adolphe Joffe, the Bolshevik Ambassador to Germany, who was expelled from Berlin in November because of his activities in advancing the interests of the Bolsheviks, is reported in a Dresden dispatch to have crossed the frontier after seeing members of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council. He is said to be returning to Berlin for the purpose of attending a meeting of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council in spite of the request of the Ebert Cabinet that he keep away from the city.

Mrs. M. E. Hoyle has Gained 30 Pounds

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"If I could speak with everybody personally who has stomach trouble and rheumatism," said Mrs. M. E. Hoyle, of 1329 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., "I would advise them to take Tanlac, for I have tried it myself, and have never found anything to equal it. I have suffered with rheumatism during the past ten years until I thought I would go distracted. The pain would extend from my hips down to my ankles, the muscles and leaders felt like they were drawn, my knees were so stiff I could hardly bend over, and many a night the pain was so severe that I could hardly keep from crying. My appetite was very poor and my stomach was so out of order that what little I did eat made me miserable. I suffered terribly from indigestion and would blot up so badly from the gas on my stomach that I could scarcely breathe, and there was also a dull aching pain in the pit of my stomach. My complexion was very bad—sallow and yellow-looking—and I just felt badly all the time.

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ALLIES ARE ASKED TO SEND FORCES TO SOUTHERN RUSSIA

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representatives of all the political groups in Southern Russia, except the Bolsheviks and the absolutists, have appealed to the Allied Governments to send an expedition into Southern Russia to combat the Soviets and prevent anarchy there.

The appeal was made to the Ministers of the Allied nations at Jassy, Roumania, on December 8, with the request that it be transmitted to their Governments. The report from the American Minister was received yesterday at the State Department.

The Russian representatives told the Minister that a renewal of bloody civil war was threatened in Southern Russia, due to the occupation of this territory by the Germans and the incident weakness of the local authorities and urged that the Allies send immediately such help as will prevent otherwise certain revolt of the elements making for anarchy.

Until an Allied force sufficient to clear the country of the lawless elements can be gathered, the Russians suggested that some of the Black Sea ports be patrolled by Allied ships and that Allied soldiers be stationed at all strategic railroad junctions and cities. The Russian delegation was said to have emphasized the urgency of immediate action, as they have decided not to recognize the Soviet Government, whose only purpose, they said, seems to be the dismemberment of Russia.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL DEFENDED BY PREMIER WHILE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Premier Oliver in a brief interview here yesterday defended Superintendent Donaldson and other officials of the Boys' Industrial School against the criticisms which were made by the grand jury in relation to conditions prevailing at the home.

"The officials, in my opinion, have done well for the opportunities they have had," said he. "There is no justification for the hysterical statements I read in the papers. I was out there to-day and made an investigation. That is my conclusion. I do not believe any man, situated as Donaldson has been could have done any better. In my opinion the buildings were not built for the purpose for which they are being used. I was informed they were built for fifty boys. There are ninety-nine there."

CHINESE PEACE DELEGATION.

Washington, Dec. 17.—It is announced by the State Department that the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs and his party will arrive at San Francisco about December 22, and other members of the Chinese delegation to the Peace Conference will reach there January 2.

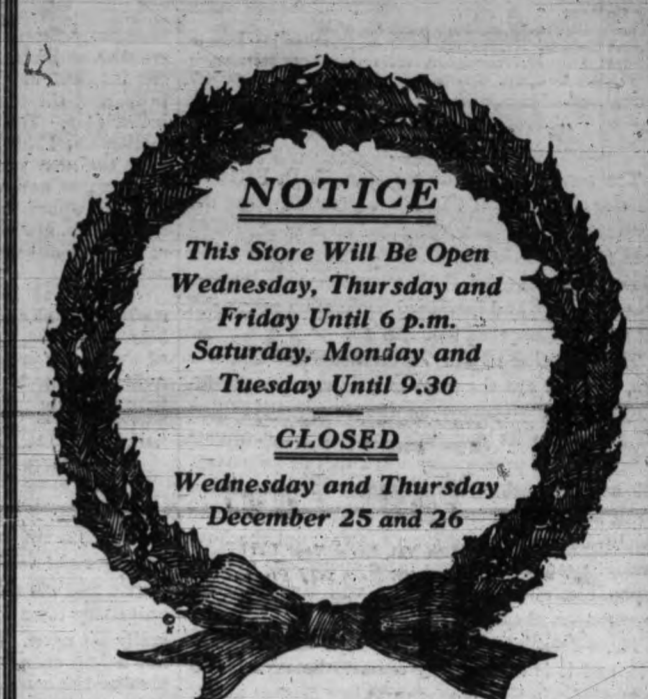
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GERMAN SOLDIERS KILLED SIX RUSSIAN SOLDIERS AT CRACOW

Zurich, Dec. 17.—German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven, according to The Stuttgart Tagblatt. It is stated that the incident occurred since the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany.

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AN IMPORTANT PROJECT.

The announcement of the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, in The Times yesterday that the Government was arranging to take over 22,000 acres of land in southern Okanagan under "The Soldiers' Land Act," for settlement by returned soldiers and increased production generally, will cause widespread satisfaction.

The intention of the Government, the Minister says, is to lay out the tract in such a way as to facilitate its development on the co-operative plan and guarantee its economic success. A considerable amount of preliminary work will be necessary, such as the checking up of surveys for irrigation works, sub-division and survey of the area, and the location of right-of-way for a railway, but the Government proposes to begin these operations as soon as possible, and returned men will be given employment on them.

Those familiar with the land speak most highly of it, and it is declared by some to be superior to the localities in the Okanagan Valley farther north, which enjoy a continental reputation for fertility, climate and other conditions of settlement. Its systematic development is certain to prove of the greatest benefit to all concerned. We are still importing millions of dollars' worth of foodstuffs which should be raised in the Province and in opening fertile tracts such as this the Government and returned soldiers who desire to go in for agriculture can co-operate most effectively in bringing about the solution of an acute economic problem.

We assume the Dominion Government will co-operate by making loans to the soldiers who will settle on this tract, as it does to those who take up Dominion land. At the recent conference of Premiers at Ottawa it was agreed that the National Government would finance soldier settlement if the Province provided the land, and Mr. Pattullo does not anticipate any difficulty on that score. The project is very promising not only as a step in the solution of the returned soldier problem but as an important stage in the programme of more production which British Columbia in common with all the other provinces must do its utmost to encourage. Those 22,000 acres with proper facilities and development can be made an important provincial asset.

THE R. N. W. M. P.

The numerous obituarial articles on the Royal Northwest Mounted Police which have been published in many places on the continent during the last year or two have turned out to be premature. Like the first report of Mark Twain's death they were "greatly exaggerated." Not only is that splendid force not to be disbanded but its strength is to be augmented and its scope extended. It is going to be increased to 1,200 men and its field of operations will include the Prairie provinces, British Columbia and portions of Ontario.

Its duties will be to see to the enforcement of Federal laws; patrolling and protecting the international boundary line; the enforcement of all Orders-in-Council under the War Measures Act for the protection of public safety; generally to aid and assist the civil powers in the preservation of law and order whenever the Government of Canada directs.

Undoubtedly there will be much for the R. N. W. M. P. to do. There is in Western Canada a foreign element—as well as an element not foreign—which would like to introduce into this country certain peculiar lawless practices that have prevailed in some European countries; anarchists and others whose sole idea of progress consists in setting aside all law and order. These people are reinforced from time to time by dynamiters, incendiaries and agitators from across the international boundary line and for whom the United States has been made very unhealthy during the last few years. There is, besides, the general problem of keeping law and order in conditions difficult for the provincial police to cope with and which might be complicated by any large immigration to this western country.

It is desirable, however, that the Government be more specific regarding the provision for the "enforcement of all Orders-in-Council passed under the War Measures Act for the protection of public safety." The War Measures Act is not a permanent measure and the Orders-in-Council passed under it are legion. With the end of the war—which is not yet—the necessity of some of them will pass away. If the R. N. W. M. P. were used to continue their enforcement the Dominion would have a conflict with the provinces while it would have spoiled the record of the finest police force of its kind in the world.

To assist in the maintenance of law and order from Ontario to the Pacific, a force of 1,200 men operating in different circumstances would be considered none too large, and it may be that some of the uninitiated do not think it is large enough. But if the old standard and spirit of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police be maintained the 1,200 will be equal in efficiency to many times that number of ordinary organizations for the particular work it will have to do.

With smaller numbers it kept down lawlessness

in the pioneer days of the Northwest Territories with unsleeping vigilance; from the Arctic to the international boundary line, from the Yukon to the Hudson's Bay, its very name struck terror to the criminal and the outlaw. It never failed in its pursuit of a fugitive from justice. It will trail a criminal for whom it has a warrant around the world. If one of its members perishes at his task another takes his place.

Yesterday The Times published an account of Inspector French's remarkable trip to the Arctic to capture the Eskimos who murdered two explorers named Radford and Street in 1913. News of the incident had reached the Government at Ottawa and the Mounted Police were instructed to investigate. The Inspector and his party started in August, 1916, and reached their destination in May the next year. The facts of the crime were ascertained and the guilty men were brought to Calgary where they were tried and, if we remember rightly, allowed to return to their home in view of the special circumstances in connection with the case.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police is—the model of many similar organizations which have been organized in other parts of the world. Some of the states south of the boundary line have formed mounted police contingents to co-operate with the state and municipal police in enforcing the law, with excellent results.

KEEPING WATCH ON THE RHINE.

If anybody last June had ventured to predict that within six months Canadian troops would be on the right bank of the Rhine and Sir Arthur Currie and his staff established in the old German university town of Bonn, he would have been generally sat upon. Indeed, during the last four years not a few eminent military critics and others expressed the conviction that the Allies never would reach the Rhine, because, they said, experience had shown that it was impossible for either side to "break through" the line of the other.

Experience, however, had shown nothing of the sort, as Foch shortly afterwards demonstrated. The Germans had no lines of defense prepared behind the Hindenburg Line and when this went they had to try to fall back to the Rhine. But their failure to hold their positions in the Argonne and Champagne made an orderly retirement into Germany impossible and they were on the verge of complete destruction as a military organization when Germany threw up her hands.

The Canadian troops which have crossed the Rhine are the First and Second Divisions and they are acting as a part of the Second British Army. The Canadian Press correspondent with them says these two divisions probably will be withdrawn for demobilization and their places will be filled by the Third and Fourth Divisions. Thus every Canadian soldier in France and Belgium when the fighting ended will have had the experience of entering German territory and crossing the great waterway which has played so important a place in German history. Meanwhile the First and Second Canadian Divisions are helping the other troops of the Empire and the troops of their Allies to keep "watch on the Rhine."

CANNOT RECOGNIZE THEM.

A London dispatch says Marshal Foch has refused to recognize the German Soldiers' and Workmen Council. This is a matter of course. The Soldiers' and Workmen's Council is not the German Government, it does not represent the German Government, it does not control the German army and has no other international status than an ordinary political party in Germany.

The Allies have declared time and again that the only authority in Germany with which they will deal must be representative of the German people in the fullest sense of the term. It must be a Government chosen by the electors by ballot. No party seizing the reins of authority by violence will be dealt with, so if Germany permits herself to fall into the arms of autocracy, whether it be by the junkers or by the mob, she will have no standing in negotiations with the Allied Governments.

If the Constituent Assembly in Russia had been allowed to live and a Government was established by its authority that country by now would be well on the road to settled conditions. The Assembly was chosen by the Russian people in an election authorized by the Soviet leaders, but immediately Ulianoff and Trotsky found that the Bolsheviks were in a minority in it they dissolved it at the points of the Kronstadt sailors' bayonets and arrested many of the members elected in opposition to them.

The result of the election in the United Kingdom will not be known until after December 28, so while all the ballots have been polled, the interested parties know little more of the outcome than they knew before election day.

In the resignation of Lieut.-Gen. J. C. Smuts the British War Cabinet loses an extremely able man whose gifts as a soldier are no less conspicuous than those shown by him as a statesman. General Smuts feels, no doubt, that his proper place at this time is South Africa where his great ability is needed to cope with many difficult complicated problems arising from the war. If what formerly was German Southwest Africa be placed under the administration of the Government of the Union of South Africa, the responsibilities of Both, Smuts and their colleagues will be very materially increased.

No doubt the supporters of the movement which resulted in the assassination of the President of Portugal will extol the crime as "political protest" against a "system." What it was, of course, was a cowardly murder of the same type as the murder perpetrated by "Gyp the Blood," "Leftie Louie," and their associates in New York a few years ago. If the character and personal qualities of the two victims be considered the occurrence in Lisbon yesterday belonged to an even lower order of criminality than the crime for which the New York guggen paid the extreme penalty.

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"The Spinners," by Eden Phillpotts
"In the Heart of a Fool," by W. Alton Kelly
"Dere Mabel," by E. Streeter
"Daughter of the Land," by Gene Stratton Porter
"Adventures of Blindie," by Herbert Jenkins
"Daily Mail Year Book," 1918.

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GOVERNMENT WISHES TO CLEAR UP TANGLE

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Finally, the Premier told of his personal effort last Saturday to get Findlay to consent to tell who was in with him in the illegal liquor traffic. He said: "Findlay came to me last Saturday in Victoria. I said to him: 'Findlay, you have made a big blunder, a very bad break. But you are not the first who has done that. Men have made blunders and have turned over a new leaf and lived their lives down. You can do that if you want to. And the first step for you to take is to clean this thing right up by telling all you know. No doubt there are others in this who are your equals or more guilty than you are. I want you to tell all you know.' "Findlay said he had been advised by some friends to tell it all, and by others not to, and he said he was all in and had not slept for three nights, and he did not know what to do. I could see he was in a very nervous condition, and I told him to talk it over with his wife and tell her what I had advised him to do. Whether he did so or not I do not know as I have not seen him since," the Premier said in conclusion.

The statement by John Nelson, dealt with by Premier Oliver as reported above, appeared in The Vancouver World yesterday afternoon, being as follows:

"If by merely pleading guilty and paying a fine of \$1,000, Findlay is permitted to escape, it will be a public scandal," said John Nelson, president of the People's Prohibition Association. "If he is guilty, as he admits, he alone is not guilty. He imported liquor by the carload, which is a flagrant offence. He or someone whom he knows disposed of it, which is a prison offence. He has been guilty of malfeasance in office. The men who accompanied his downfall, and who profited by it, can be apprehended through the information he must possess. For that reason the Premier was asked on Friday last to anticipate exactly what occurred this morning and get after the higher-ups.

Opposed Motion. When the Prohibition executive was asked on August 28, 1917, to endorse the application of Mr. Findlay for the position I opposed the motion. It is a matter of record that I not only voted against the motion, but asked that my opposition and the reasons for it be noted in the minutes. I did not mislead Findlay, but felt that my right to criticize his conduct if necessary would be compromised by supporting the resolution.

The laxity with which the law had been handled for some weeks past, together with certain reports received, has recently created suspicion even among those who were most reluctant to doubt his sincerity. There was a certain open defiance in law-breaking which always accompanies the chloroform work of the officers of the law. This had been notorious of late.

The Government, the general public, which is now-abiding, and the supporters of Prohibition are commonly concerned in seeing that the "ring" of law-breakers are brought to justice. The Department of the Attorney-General would seem to be the one to act, as it had more sources of information than anyone else. A select committee of the House could take the matter up, or possibly a Commission. But the time for action is now, when the facts and the principals are all within call.

SPEAKS OF PROBLEM OF JEWS IN POLAND

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Recognition Desired. "It is necessary that our Government be recognized by the Allies. At present there are certain difficulties. The Polish committee in Paris represents parties not in accord with the others here, but this internal matter is being arranged. Personally I desire a compromise. It was my intention to go to France when I was arrested by the Germans in July, 1917. At that time I foresaw that Russia was sure to break up, and that Austria would follow."

Jewish Leader Speaks. Noah Friluck, leader of the Jewish Nationalist Party, said to the correspondent:

"The trouble between the Poles and Jews is the outgrowth of the indisposition of the Poles to meet our demands in the light of President Wilson's declarations. The nationalistic idea has been growing for fifty years, but has developed among Jews only recently. We have aspirations similar to those of the Czechs and Serbians, but lack territory. The Anti-Jewish agitation began forty years ago when Poles were urged to take up land, open small stores and overcome Jewish competition."

Dealing with the reported pogroms, Friluck said: "In regard to pogroms, I have knowledge that they occurred at two places, Kielce and Lemberg. Four persons were killed at Kielce and 250 were wounded. That 200 Jews were buried in Lemberg two weeks ago. I am informed they were killed by the regular Polish army because of unfounded reports printed in a Lemberg paper that the Jews were not neutral in the fighting there."

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ESTONIANS GETTING ARMY TOGETHER WHILE ALLIES ASSIST THEM

Stockholm, Dec. 16.—(Via London, Dec. 17.)—A British naval squadron has bombarded Bolshevik positions along the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, according to an official statement issued from the Estonian army headquarters. Bolshevik forces have been repulsed, according to the report, the text of which follows: "A British squadron in the Gulf of Finland bombarded front and rear positions held by Bolshevik forces. The enemy's advance on the Aserin front has been stopped. "The mobilization of the Estonian army is progressing satisfactorily, and the Allied support is strengthening the spirits of the people."

U. S. DESTROYERS SAIL FOR STATES FROM QUEENSTOWN BASE

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Queenstown, Ireland, says that a great crowd gathered there yesterday to bid farewell to the fleet of twelve American torpedo boats which sailed for home. The destroyers will go first to the Azores, where they will join the tender ship Dixie, which sailed Sunday. Rear-Admiral Thomas B. Howard still has several destroyers at Queenstown and it is reported that they, with the guardship Melville, will leave by December 23. Other American destroyers attached to the Queenstown base are cruising in British or French waters.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—The American battle squadron returning from Europe may not reach New York until Christmas Eve, because of delay in departing from the British base.

EFFORT TO REOPEN BUCHAREST-PARIS RAILROAD ROUTE

Washington, Dec. 17.—A delegation of British and Roumanian officers is negotiating with the Vienna and Budapest Governments with a view to getting the railroad route from Bucharest to Paris via Budapest and Vienna re-established, according to official advices received to-day in Washington.

MASKED BANDITS ROBBED VANCOUVER MAN LAST EVENING

South Vancouver, Dec. 17.—G. J. Clark, a jeweler on Main Street, Vancouver, was held up by three masked bandits and robbed of \$50 and a gold watch last night at 8:30 at the corner of 25th Avenue and Columbia Street.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IS IN TORONTO FOR BRIEF VISIT

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Toronto last night and was met at the Union Depot by F. C. Larkin and a few other friends. Sir Wilfrid went direct to the home of Mr. Larkin, whose guest he will be during his three or four days' visit in the city. Mr. Laurier's visit, Mr. Larkin stated, is purely a business one. A suite of rooms has been reserved at the King Edward Hotel, and he will there meet a number of his friends and followers.

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SENTENCE OF HANGING GIVEN AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Placing the black cap on his head for the first time in his career, Mr. Justice Martin, who was elevated to the bench only a week ago, to-day sentenced Nicholas Tomasso to be hanged on March 21 for the murder of Dominico Pietrantoni in this city on June 1 last. Tomasso protested his innocence throughout the trial, saying there were six men bearing his name in Montreal and that a mistake in identity had been made.

ROBBERS AND TERRORISTS ARE BUSY IN BERLIN

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Berlin local government is powerless to preserve order, and deserters from the army are terrorizing the inhabitants, according to a correspondent of The Journal who has returned from a visit to Berlin. Robberies follow one another rapidly, and pedestrians and shops are robbed in the middle of the day. Committees of all kinds, he says, publish extraordinary orders and practice blackmail. Red flags are flying all over the city and business is at a standstill.

PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANCIES.

London, Dec. 17.—Another list of Canadians raised to the rank of lieutenant appears in The London Gazette. It includes the following: Alberta Regiment—182295, Sergt. R. D. Macfarquhar; 108422, Sergt. P. H. Swanson; 494905, Cpl. R. D. McEae; 296563, Lance-Sergt. E. C. Shesmith; 79265, Cpl. A. H. Holmes; 43242, Sergt. W. H. Cantin; 20632, Cpl. A. W. Hayter; 332223, D. Z. Morency, and 436618, Cpl. E. Lefebvre.

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- Pyjamas of Jap silk, embroidered, and lace trimmed. Billie Burke styles. A suit, \$7.50.
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- Separate Woolen Caps in all colors, also Silk Caps. Each, \$1.25 and \$1.75.
- Woolen Sets—Sweater and Cap to match, white trimmed pink and blue; sizes 1 1/2 to 2 years. A set, \$4.75.
- Linen Feeders, with hand-embroidered work. Each, 25c.
- Corduroy Velvet Coats, sizes 2 to 5 years. Each, \$3.99.
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- Children's Felt Slippers, all sizes, a pair, \$1.00.
- Boys' Felt Slippers, a pair, \$1.35 and \$1.75.
- Boys' Carpet Slippers, leather soles, a pair, \$1.25.
- Boys' Leather Slippers, a pair, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

-Shoes, First Floor

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If your friend is fond of reading, why not give a Book—one you know will interest. You will find plenty here to choose from, no matter what style of book may be appreciated. Here are a few titles by way of suggestion:

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- The Children's Book of Birds, \$2.75.
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- Gift Edition Robinson Crusoe, \$1.25.
- Joan and Peter. By H. G. Wells. \$1.75.
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-Books, Main Floor

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- Men's Gloves of tan or grey kid; warm lining. A pair, \$1.75 to \$2.75.
- Boys' and Youths' Gauntlet Gloves, pair, \$1.35, \$1.65 and \$1.75.
- Men's Knitted Woolen Gloves, soft finish, with tight wrists; shades grey, brown, fawn, khaki and black. Pair, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
- Men's Woolen Gloves, in English heather mixtures. Pair, \$1.25 and \$1.75.
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- Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

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A BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily and the Jumping Jack

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

"Pardon me," spoke Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady house-keeper of Uncle Wiggily Longears, parson me! But are you going to sift asbes this morning, and pick out clinkers to scratch the back of a Saitcher?"

"I think not," answered Uncle Wiggily, as he gradually pardoned Nurse Jane. "I think I shall go look for an adventure."

"Ha! That is as it should be!" exclaimed Miss Fuzzy Wuzzy. "And while you are on your way adventuring, would you mind going to the store for me, and getting me three pounds of sugar? We must still be saving of it, even though the war is over, for there are many poor starving ones who haven't any sugar at all. But I need a little to help get ready the good things to eat for Christmas. So bring me sugar from the store."

"I will," promised Uncle Wiggily, and away he started to have an adventure. On and on he went, over the fields and through the woods, but no adventure could he find, and soon he was at once, the bunnny rabbit gentleman wrapped up the bag of sugar for him.

"I'll put plenty of string on," said the grocery cat, "as it has been snowing and slippery. And if you should fall down, Uncle Wiggily, and your sugar should bounce out of your paws, it won't spill all over if it has plenty of string around it."

"Very well, and thank you," said the bunnny.

Then with his bag of sugar under his paw once more, the bunnny uncle rabbit started off. "I do hope I have an adventure," he said to himself. "Even meeting the Snitchee again and scratching his back with a soft boiled egg, wouldn't be so bad."

And then, all of a sudden, as Uncle Wiggily went along through the woods, all of a sudden, in about as long as it takes for the baby to pull her pink toe, all at once, the bunnny rabbit gentleman heard some one say:

"Oh, dear!"

"Ha! That sounds like old times!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggily. "That sounds just like trouble, and as long as it isn't the skilley-scally alligator, with the double jointed ribs on his tail, I'll help whoever it is."

So he looked around through the woods, and he called:

"Who are you, and what's the matter, and how can I help you?"

"Oh, I'm Jumping Jack," was the answer, "and I'm lying in the snow under this brush. As for what's the matter, I'm afraid my jumping days are over. Alas, and alack-a-day!"

"Oh, say not so!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "What happened, and why can you no longer jump, you who say your name is Jack?"

"I can't jump because my string is broken," went on the voice. "Listen to my sad story? Listen!"

"I will listen," spoke the bunnny uncle just like a nice telephone girl. "This is how it happened," went on the poor creature, and then Uncle Wiggily saw on the snow, under a bush, a red, blue, green, yellow and pink

painting jumping jack. "You see Santa Claus was totting me along in his pack and you don't mean to say Santa Claus has been here, do you?" cried Uncle Wiggily, looking around the woods.

"Of course he has," said Jumping Jack, his real name being Jack Jumping, but, as he stood backward on his head so much he was called Jumping Jack. "Of course Santa Claus has been here," he went on. "Why, it's only a week to Christmas. Well, I was doll tried to take a fly in the submarine airship and she crowded me out. I fell from the bag to the ground, and the string which must be pulled to make me jump is broken. That is why I say 'alax' and 'alack-a-day.' My jumping days are over. I shall make no little boy or girl happy this Christmas."

"Oh, yes you will!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "Yes you will. If it is only a string you need I have it here. The grocery cat put some extra cord on Nurse Jane's sugar. I'll soon mend you as good as ever."

Then Uncle Wiggily, taking some of the sugar cord, tied new string to Jumping Jack, or Jack Jumping, according to how you looked at him, and he ran through the woods to top back in the pack of Santa Claus. Everything was all right again, you see, and Uncle Wiggily had had his adventure.

So this teaches us that it is a good thing to have Christmas come once a year, anyhow; and if the circus elephant at the toy store doesn't put the camel's hump in his trunk and try to take it off on a picnic I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the wagon.

PARKVILLE INSTITUTE

Women Plan Dances for Benefit of Quailum Patients; Prepare Resolutions for Conference.

A well-attended meeting of twenty-one members of the Parkville Women's Institute and seven visitors took place at Parkville on December 11, after being postponed for one week in order to avoid conflict with the Red Cross entertainment. The members decided to change the hour of meeting to 2.30 during the winter months, instead of 3 p. m.

Plans were made for the holding of a fancy dress ball on January 22, part of the proceeds to be devoted to the Soldiers' Fund at Quailum. It was decided that a resolution be sent to the conference regarding religious training in the schools; also one with regard to stumping powder. Five members announced their intention of participating in the "talent money" scheme, each obtaining twenty-five cents from the treasurer for this purpose.

The secretary-treasurer was asked by the meeting to retain her office during the ensuing year, to which she agreed. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for January 3 instead of New Year's Day as hitherto, and members were asked to submit nominations for the four offices.

A letter was read from Mrs. McLachlan regarding the Order of Flunkett Nurses and their organization in this district, but as there is one good nursing home in Parkville, it was decided that further steps were unnecessary. Renewed subscriptions were thirteen, and three new members joined.

The business being ended, Mrs. Lawrence, of Errington, gave a spinning demonstration, showing how the fleece was carded and spun into beautifully warm, soft clothing of all kinds. Many persons were so interested that they are arranging further interviews with Mrs. Lawrence at her home.

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Mrs. Ford, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. R. Waghorn, of Vancouver, for the past few weeks, returned on Sunday to her home in this city.

Miss Lottie Bowron returned to her home in this city on Sunday from England, where she went two years ago to join the staff at the Admiralty offices, London.

Miss Lilla Carroll, who has been attending the Normal School at Mt. Polmie left on Saturday for Courtenay to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Capt. and Mrs. George Chaffey, who have been spending the past two months in Victoria, left for Vancouver during the week-end, and will take up their residence in the Mainland city.

W. Lloyd Craig, sales manager of the Vancouver Milling and Grain Co. Ltd., is in the city attending the funeral of the late George Slade, who was for seven years on the sales staff of the Vancouver Milling and Grain Co.

Members of the University Women's Club and their friends, to the number of nearly forty, were the guests last night of Miss Bertha Winn at a social gathering held at her home, 940 Fairfield Road. Games and music helped an enjoyable evening to pass all too quickly.

Dr. C. K. Clark, Medical Director of Canadian National Commission for Mental Hygiene; Miss M. Keyes, social worker for the commission, and Capt. Farrar, Invalid Soldiers' Commission inspector for the insane throughout the Dominion, arrived in the city yesterday from the Mainland.

News has been received by an incoming liner recently to the effect that Miss Sheriff MacGregor, the British Red Cross matron who passed through Victoria some weeks ago, is now in Japan, where she is making a tour of the ancient shrines and other places of interest before leaving for her destination at Vladivostok.

The Rev. Ewen MacQueen, a Presbyterian minister, whose family reside here, is expected home within the next few days. Mr. MacQueen, who is a very skilful draughtsman, enlisted here, and served overseas. Owing to transportation difficulties Mr. MacQueen had to decline a call as associate pastor to a leading church in Glasgow, Scotland, his native city.

A wedding of interest to Victorians took place in Trinity Church, London, England, on November 17, when Miss Nellie Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carey, 17 Ralph Street, London, England, was married to Pte. T. S. Burkan, of the 102nd Battalion, C.E.F., T. S. Burkan, 1241 Bay Street, Rev. W. Burkan officiating. Pte. and Mrs. Burkan spent their honeymoon in Eastbourne, England.

In the midst of preparations for the Christmas festivities, announcement is made by the "J" Unit Chapter, I. O. D. E., of its intention to hold a dance at the Alexandra Club on the evening of Eve, when it is hoped a large number of Victorians will attend to "see the Old Year out and the New Year in." A good orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and the committee in charge are exerting all efforts to make the dance one of the most enjoyable of the holiday season.

A five hundred party in aid of the funds of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., was held on Friday evening last at the home of Mrs. J. F. Errington, Clive Drive. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion with seasonal blooms. About fifty guests were in attendance, ten tables being engaged in play. Mrs. F. Bell and Mrs. J. Hudson constituted the committee in charge of the arrangements. During the evening delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Gaelic Society held its regular social gathering on Monday evening in the Foresters Hall. The opening number was the singing of the National Anthem. A splendid programme of songs and music followed. The society's socials are now being so well patronized that the executive considers it necessary to look for a larger hall in the near future. A number of new members were enrolled during the evening. The programme was concluded by singing "Oldche Whath Chib" "bheanachd Chib." The proceedings concluded with an informal dance.

What promises to be one of the merriest little social functions of the Christmas season is to take place at the Victoria Club on the evening of December 20, when the Herbert Beaumont Boggs Chapter, I. O. D. E., will hold its long-postponed dance. The event was planned to take place in October, but the intervention of the war necessitated its postponement. Mrs. Leeming is convener for the occasion. A good orchestra has been engaged for the event, which is to be strictly informal, and dancing will commence at 8.30. Tickets may be obtained from members of the chapter.

At the Empress Hotel last evening, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Swift and the officers of the 259th Canadian Rifles, C. E. F. (Siberia) entertained a number of friends to a farewell dance. Some three hundred guests were in attendance including representatives of the naval and military forces, and many of the girls of the younger set. A delightful programme of up-to-date music was rendered by the regimental band of the unit, dancing being kept up until 2.30 a. m. Shortly before midnight a delicious buffet supper was served by the hotel management in the private dining room adjoining the ballroom. The hosts received many congratulations at the close of the evening on the success of the enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Hugh Lowder left on this afternoon's boat for the Mainland en route for England, where she will stay with her husband's mother until the return to England of Lieut. Lowder, who has been serving with the Imperial Forces since the commencement of the war, and is now with the army of occupation. Lieut. Lowder returned to France in May last after spending several months leave in Victoria. Mrs. Lowder has been one of the most energetic of the younger patriotic workers of the city, working indefatigably in connection with the I. O. D. E. undertakings for the soldiers and sailors, and in addition was president of the "Sister Susie Club," the little body of girls who have, in a quiet way, raised much money and carried on much good work for the various causes arising out of the war.

Sergeant R. M. King, of Esquimalt Convalescent Hospital, and Sergeant A. A. Anderson are in charge of the arrangements for the affair, and with their wide experience in handling such functions it is expected that the event will be one of the jolliest of the Christmas season. Tickets may be obtained at Whitney's, Terry's and Wilkerson's.

well-known coloratura singer, who will give a joint recital with the De Luce Trio of instrumentalists at the Royal Victoria Theatre on January 3, under the auspices of the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club.

Mrs. Farris Addressed Big Congregation at Unitarian Church Sunday Night.

On Sunday night the audience at the Unitarian Church listened to a stirring appeal by Mrs. Farris on behalf of higher education in British Columbia.

She outlined the ideals which inspire the men and women who are organizing the university work of the province. It is to be an institution in closest touch with the actual needs of the community; thoroughly democratic, and free to all who are qualified to profit by its training—a place founded to follow the leadership, tackling industrial and commercial problems and affording every opportunity for trades unionists and social reformers to follow their particular branches of study.

But a university which is to be worth the name must give something more than a utilitarian education, said the speaker. Where there is no vision the people perish. The great sources of inspiration—the classics

of literature and literature must receive due attention. Such a university will, in the course of time, raise the whole standard of public school education.

Mrs. Farris gave a most interesting sketch of the history of higher education in the province, from the earliest abortive efforts towards a university in 1890 to the present time. The actual work of the University of British Columbia began in 1915 under the most trying conditions. Most of the work is still being carried on in temporary buildings; in fact, one professor began the work of the present session in the open air, with rough boards for seats and desks. In spite of all handicaps the present enrolment is 599, of whom ninety-four are returned soldiers taking vocational training.

The University is absolutely dependent on the Legislature for its financial resources, so that popular sympathy and support are essential to its existence and well-being, continued the speaker. Since it is a state University it is quite free from the shackles of denominationalism which belong to these, and so can appeal without hesitation to every citizen.

The speaker described the magnificent opportunity which is open to all to help put the University on a sound footing. "We have a chance to know what it feels like to be ancestors," she said, referring to the splendid self-sacrifice of Eastern pioneers when founding institutions of learning. As an incentive to effort she pictured a great popular centre of learning arising as a permanent memorial to the men in military and civil life who had given their all in the service of their country. Existing as such a memorial to their husbands, brothers and sons, the women of British Columbia could be depended upon to give it their hearty support.

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MARCONI'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

Senator Marconi cannot be too highly congratulated on his latest triumph—sending a wireless message direct to Australia from Carnarvon, a distance of over 12,000 miles, almost double the previous record of 6,735 miles from Clifton to Buenos Ayres. So wonderful are his instruments that it took but one-fourteenth of a second to go half round the world. Our circumscribed humanity cannot visualize such a wonder. Think what wireless has meant in this war. It leapt over beleaguered Allies, the watchdog of the navy, the buoy of the U boat's victim, the invisible chain between earth and sky. Has any other human being saved so many lives as Senator Marconi, "the dreamer of practical dreams?"—London Daily Mail.

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It may not, perhaps, have been the best time of year for troops to have been quartered in Victoria. At the same time the stalwart sons of Canada, who will shortly be making a name for themselves in the still active Russian theatre of war, have had many compensations in this furthest west cantonment. The latter part of their stay has been marked by an unusual amount of rain with an attendant sea of mud at the Willows. Particularly unpleasant diversion was created by the universal epidemic, now happily passed. Cessation of hostilities very naturally added speculative wonderment as to the usefulness or otherwise of the mission to which they were assigned.

What It Means.
The excitement of the great adventure which has had its appeal for those who have served on the Western front, may be lacking in the particular undertaking ahead. What it lacks in the spectacular, however, it gains in the humanitarian. It means the liberation of a great-hearted people; people who are clamoring to be led by the agencies of right and justice. It means that Canada is to take a hand in setting up law and order in a land now terrorized by the Bolshevik. It means assistance on the part of Canada to the Czech-Slovak forces now striving valiantly to maintain hope for the people of the late ex-Czar's domain. And when it is realized that unless help comes to them during the coming winter, thirty million people in Northern Russia west of the Urals will starve to death, some conception of the urgency of sending aid from Canada may be had.

The Only Way.
Why is it not possible to send help from somewhere else? is not an infrequent question. There is only one answer; it must come from the outside. It does not need an expert in geographical or climatic conditions to realize to discover from whence that help may come quickest. From Vladivostok. To that port Canada's contingent will shortly sail. It means that any doubt as to the urgency of the expedition, or of the tremendous issues which hang upon it, one thought of those thirty millions shivering from the Pacific to the Red Terror it is conceded to be the duty of the victorious Allies, to reckon the Siberian expedition as part and parcel of the job foisted upon in 1914 by one William Hohenzollern. And as a part of that job it is just as important as any other, because so long as there remains one vestige of authority to the Bolshevik regime, so long will the reign of terror continue.

Willows Men Know It.
These are facts commonly understood; the men at the Willows appreciate the significance of their task. It was easy for a representative of the Times, as Brigadier-General Bickford escorted him round the huge tented city on Friday last, to see grim determination on the face of every man. Many of those who will make history in the East have never been under fire; numbers wear two, three and four chevrons. Here and there is the ribbon of the Military Medal, or some other mark of gallant service.

A Lifetime Soldier.
Those two battalions at the Willows are particularly fortunate in their commander. He is a soldier to the tips of his fingers. It has been his business for twenty-eight years. He has done nothing else but fighting. What is more, he is a Canadian born and first saw the light of day in Toronto. As far back as 1895 he joined the Governor-General's Bodyguard of that city. Two years later he was given a commission in the 6th Dragoon Guards (Imperial Army), in which he served until 1910, obtaining the rank of Major. After that he was placed on the Reserve of Officers Canadian Militia. In 1907-8 General Bickford attended the Imperial Staff College at Camberley, Surrey, England. In October, 1915, he went overseas and was later returned to Canada for duty, and his experience has found outlet for service in his capacity of Officer Commanding Military District No. 2.

South African Veteran.
Brigadier-General Bickford's active service includes the South African war, during which he was mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and King's medals with five and two clasps respectively. Intimate association with the following engagements is credited to General Bickford in the official army list: Operations in the Orange Free State, February to May, 1900, including Paardeburg; actions at Oorlog Groen, Driefontein and Karee Storing; operations in the Transvaal, May and June, 1900, including the action at Diamond Hill, June 11 and 12; east of Pretoria July to November 1900, including actions at Heitvel and Belmont; operations in Transvaal, November 30, 1900, to May, 1902; in the Orange River Colony, March to May, 1902; on the Zululand Frontier of Natal, in September and October, 1901.

Brigade Staff.
Officers of the staff are as follows: Lt.-Colonel H. C. Sparling, D. S. O., Brigade Major; Major J. W. Sifton, Canadian Rifles, Canadian Expeditionary Force; Captain C. T. Clark, Orderly Officer, Attached to Brigade; Capt. J. R. McIlree, D. S. O., Brigade Bombing Officer; Capt. S. D. Douglas, Brigade Antiaircraft Officer; Capt. Lou F. Scholes, Officer in command Athletics.

Companies.
Troops at the Willows Camp, designated the 259th and 260th Battalions, Canadian Rifles, Canadian Expeditionary Force (Siberia), are shown herein with the names of commanding officers, company commanders, and the point of origin of each company.

Officer Commanding 259th, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Swift, D. S. O. Second in Command, Major P. F. Sise; Adjutant, Capt. A. Kingham. "A" Company, from London, Ottawa and Kingston; Major A. G. Poopore, D. S. O., "B" Company, from Toronto, Major M. M. Hart, M. C.; "C" Company, from Montreal, Capt. A. G. Bernier; "D" Company, from Quebec, Major Guy Hooper.

Officer Commanding 260th, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Jamieson. Second in Command, Major A. W. Owen; Adjutant, Capt. C. L. O'Brien. "A" Company, from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Major D. A. Hault; "B" Company, from Manitoba, Capt. C. O'Grady, M. C.; "C" Company, from Saskatchewan, Major W. J. Short; "D" Company, from British Columbia, Capt. D. E. Carleton.

Officer Commanding 29th Machine Gun Company, Major A. J. R. Parkes; Second in Command, Capt. Roy Foster; Adjutant, Lieut. W. G. Shields. All the foregoing officers have been recently withdrawn from the Western front, and the personnel is drawn from all over Canada, men being specially selected in the matter of physique.

Officer Commanding 16th Field Ambulance, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Warren, with Maj. G. A. Winters and Maj. W. M. Carrick.

Canadian Army Dental Corps: Senior Officer, Maj. R. F. Verrinder. Other troops of the expedition are quartered at Vancouver.

To Vladivostok.
Devotees to stories of travel and adventure and worshippers at the shrine of fiction, devouring its tales of love, intrigue and banishment, will have a tremendous opportunity. What is more, it has been conveniently arranged to dispose of this vast section of what used to form part of the late ex-Czar's kingdom as a wilderness, to which the foreboding notion of Siberia could be sent with the knowledge that escape would be more difficult than death itself. The very word Siberia has always been regarded as a synonymous with terrorism; as typifying Cadorism in its worst form.

The Siberia of to-day, however, is not the Siberia of despair, of terror-stricken ghettos sharing the fifth and degraded lot of Muscovite scum. It is not the old system, which merely served to satisfy the whim of a puppet system of Government. No. Within sight of the very mines, to which men have gone with shattered hopes and broken bodies, there may be fought battles that will rid a great-hearted loving people from a new reign of terror, which by interpretation means, furor Teutonicum.

Sir Edmund Backhouse.
Just before Sir Edmund Backhouse left for the Orient he consented to talk to a representative of The Times about the new war theatre. Few are so fortunate as to possess the intimate knowledge of that section of the world as Sir Edmund. He has travelled over the Manchurian Railroad between Vladivostok and Moscow no less than eighteen times, and in consequence has had many opportunities in the leisure of peace time to study the people, their customs and the varying climatic conditions. While space will permit but the briefest reference to the fund of information readily dispensed by Sir Edmund, such particulars as may be related for the purpose of this article will bear his authoritative stamp.

A Modern City.
The Canadian Force will, of course, go straight to Vladivostok from the Port of Victoria. An advance detachment has already arrived at the base, and advice of which were recorded in these columns more than a week ago. Vladivostok is a modern city in every respect. Situated on the tip of the Golden Horn, it is fringed with forests of oak, birch, maple, walnut and lime, beneath which is a rich undergrowth of the most varied shrubs. A magnificent cathedral, a museum, observatory, naval hospital and an Oriental Institute, lift Vladivostok at once into the rank of the world's cities, while the shops at its well laid out streets and boulevards contain a host of novelties from Paris, London, New York and Tokio.

Crossing the Frontier.
To give some connective idea it will perhaps be as well to keep to the line of the Manchurian Railroad out of Vladivostok. One proceeds to the frontier and crosses it at Pogranitchnaya, reaching Harbin after a twenty-two hours' journey. At Harbin there will be found a patriotic stronghold of the best Russian type and the Canadian troops may be assured of a warm welcome. Sir Edmund Backhouse recalled life in Harbin, however, he casually mentioned the fact that a materialistic age has not overlooked this far off spot. The Canadian soldier is conceded to be on the lookout for light-fingered gentry and to be careful of the gamster who looks upon the transition of money from owner to owner as a part of the spice of life. In other words, "Watch Your Step" would be an appropriate slogan for Tommy in Harbin.

Not "Dry" at Harbin.
It should be whispered low, too, that prohibitory laws are not in effect at Harbin, while other obsolete customs include sanctuary to the good old-fashioned bed bug. Nevertheless good food will be found in the city, and the city is possessed of a charm all its own. There is a fine bridge—and, as an important link, the Japs attempted to destroy it during the Russo-Jap war—under which flows the Sungari, Manchu for "milky way," running its course until the confluence with the Amur near Harbin. At Harbin in 1911, it should be noted, a pneumonia plague accounted for some 20,000 deaths in the short space of three months. Satisfaction at that time was the least concern of the authorities; the result of the avian mortality, however, was a modern system of sanitation.

New and Old Town.
There is a new and old town of Harbin and there is still a tendency to take life from the more gaudy point of view. The old town of Harbin makes the refinement of its European counterpart; the champagne is doctored and the currency to-day needs very minute attention. The Russian notes and the German counterfeit of the old imperial note are to be avoided as the plague. The golden route is scarce. In normal times the population of Harbin is about 80,000 souls, a good deal of which is of the floating variety. Mongol traders come into town with hides and furs. Trade in Harbin is a prominent industry is the brewing of beer, or pivo, the Russian equivalent in name.

From Harbin to Taitshar.
From Harbin the railway crosses the bridge over the Sungari and in ninety minutes Ando, a little Mongol town in the flat country, is reached. Half a day or more farther the train gets to Taitshar, the capital of the Chinese Province of Heilung Ching, known as the Province of Manchuria. It is the provincial capital, a thriving trading and railway town and, in pre-war days, beset with officialdom. Leaving the flat country, the train pursues its way to the corner fringe of the great Gobi desert (Chinese "Sea of Sand"), where magnificent furs abound in the summer time. The Gobi is not to be found here also, not essentially valuable, but possessed of rare colorings.

Reaching Chita.
Six hours and the train arrives at the town of Manchuria, the great railroad centre of the East. At Taitshar, the autonomous Mongol Government, which rebelled against Peking in 1911. From this point the line runs northwest and for two hours traverses a treeless, desolate country until the train comes down, when it joins the Amur Railway at Karinskaya on the River Onon. The next stopping point is Chita, boasting the unsavory reputation of being the largest red light district above any other garrison town in the world. That was before the war when 40,000 troops were permanently quartered there. It is now given to the desire of the Russian to enjoy themselves without let or hindrance in the manner which pleased them most. There is a town station and garrison station. Churches of the Byzantine type predominate, although tasteful elegance invariably characterizes the interiors.

Up in the Heights.
From Chita the line pushes its way through a forest country, and in the summer time it is an uncommon experience to virtually nose away through burning timber for half a day at a stretch. Gradually ascending, the train reaches the highest point in the Yabloni Range—5,800 feet—three hours after leaving Chita. And it should be noted that the name of the high peak is Petrovski Zavod.

Two Pioneer Missionaries.
Once over the high altitude the track drops to a level of 4,000 feet. It is here, above sea level, near Lake Baikal, 1,400 feet, that it may be out of place here to narrate the story of two Scotch missionaries, Sean and John Macdonald, who, wives, who preached to the Mongols in this locality in the middle of the last century. The Burjats—as the Mongols are known locally—are a happy, hospitable and unassuming people. Their knowledge of the outside world is nil. They are even sceptical about the existence of England, except it be a sort of appendage to Russia. As horsemen and horsewomen they have no equals in the world. Young girls show an almost uncanny ability to sit a horse and to perform as many gyrations on his sleek back as the trick rider in a circus.

Amongst these people the two missionaries went in 1840. For ten years they labored; translated the whole of the Bible into their language. They were beloved of the people and their work will ever stand out as remarkable pioneer enterprise in a land where the foreigner was always looked upon with intense suspicion. Alwent well until the Priest of the Greek Church and the political began to see the hold the Scotchmen had obtained upon the Burjats. Representations were made to St. Petersburg, and a ukase obtained from Czar Nicholas that ended the mission, and compelled its withdrawal to Mongolia.

To Lake Baikal.
Still through a more or less wooded country, the railway reaches the shores of Lake Baikal, about half the size of Vancouver Island. The Mongols call it the sea; it is difficult for them to imagine anything larger. Before the Russo-Japanese war, when there was no railroad round Lake Baikal, winter crossings were made by sleigh, the narrowest point of which could be traversed in about four hours.

Climats.
The climate of Siberia is variable, owing to the wide area which it covers, but as a general rule the agricultural country of Southern Siberia is not so severe as the corresponding region of Canada. At Irkutsk, for example, a frost of 25 degrees below is rare and the average winter temperature of West Siberia is 2.4 Fahr. On the other hand, the average winter temperature at Yakutsk is -40.2 and at Verkhnyok -51.1, the thermometer at these places occasionally falling to -85. More dreaded than the frosts are the terrible "burans" or snowstorms which occur in early spring and destroy thousands of head of cattle and horses which have been grazing on the steppes throughout the winter. Very heavy falls of snow take place around Lake Baikal, but in the adjoining steppe regions of Transbaikalia wheel vehicles are used all the year round. The rain as a rule falls in the

summer and in the Amur basin and at Vladivostok the precipitation is about twelve inches.

Mewburn Speaks of the Canadian Force for Siberia.
Toronto, Dec. 17.—No more Canadian troops will be raised for Siberia, Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, stated in an interview with a newspaper representative here yesterday.

"Will any further troops be sent from Canada to Siberia?" he was asked.

"No, only those that have been detailed," he replied.

Hamilton, Dec. 17.—Gordon C. Wilson, M. P. for Wentworth, is in receipt of a letter from Major-General Mewburn, in which the Minister of Militia replies to the protest made by the Wentworth County Council last week against Canadian soldiers being sent to Siberia.

General Mewburn points out that the force is being dispatched in fulfillment of an undertaking entered into with the British Government. Its object is not to engage in offensive operations, though it may be called upon to quell local disorders.

The result of Canada participating, continues the Minister, must raise the Dominion in the esteem of Russians, and the effect of this will be felt when commerce is extended to Siberia.

Concluding, the Minister says it may be possible to withdraw the force in the spring, and in any case it has been decided that the engagement of individuals is not to last more than one year from the date of the armistice.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Halifax Board of Trade a wooden shipbuilding propaganda was read calling for the building of thirty wooden steamers of 5,000 tons each, to be operated from Quebec in the summer and Halifax and St. John in the winter to Great Britain, France and Italy, in connection with the several railway systems throughout Canada.

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WOULD KEEP CANADA FREE FROM ALIENS

City Council Makes Unanimous Appeal to Ottawa in Matter

The permanent exclusion of all enemy aliens is aimed at in a joint resolution of Aldermen Harvey and Fullerton which was passed unanimously at the meeting of the City Council last night. There was quite a large attendance of citizens who watched the proceedings with keen interest. There was hardly any discussion, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

Alderman Harvey said that it was a matter of principle, and the country owed it to the thousands of men who were returning home to clear the land of those who would keep them out of employment.

Alderman Fullerton stated that it was regrettable that Canada, in Alberta and Saskatchewan particularly, should harbor whole communities where nothing but German was spoken. There were other aliens who were just as bad. They did not assimilate with the British, and British-Canadians, and with great heat expressed disapproval of the system of importing aliens as a political dodge to stymie elections with ignorant votes.

The resolution which will be forwarded to the Government at Ottawa, reads:

"Whereas, being in possession of facts concerning alien enemies throughout the Dominion of Canada, their insidious propaganda and their attempts at many times and places to assist the enemy countries with whom we have been and are now at war, we are convinced that said alien enemies, more especially those of German nationality, are most undesirable people to be allowed to live in Canada, and we realize the possibility of strife if the returned soldiers are brought into contact with these people;

"Therefore, be it resolved that we strongly urge upon the Government of the Dominion of Canada the absolute necessity of prompt and definite steps to deport these undesirable to their respective countries, and thereby solve a very difficult and dangerous problem.

"And be it further resolved that, it being anticipated in the near future a large emigration from Europe will be made to Canada, and as many emigrants will be from alien countries, and as such are not desirable residents under British institutions;

"Therefore, this Council desires to urge upon the Dominion authorities the closing of entry into Canada of such alien enemies."

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FLEET ROBERTSON REPORTS ON REASON FOR MINE DISASTER

Resumed Inquest Hears Result of Scientific Inquiry on Cable Investigations

LACK OF OIL APPEARS TO BE CHIEF FACTOR

At the resumed inquest held in Nanaimo yesterday to inquire into the cause of the Protection Island disaster, which occurred on September 10 last, the report of the investigations made by W. Fleet Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist, was placed before the coroner and jury. A further adjournment was taken till January 14, 1919, to enable the Western Fuel Company to have an opportunity to study the reports of Professor H. M. McKay, as well as the report of Dr. Alfred Stansfield and A. Gordon Spencer, the two latter of whom have been engaged on the microscopic examination of "some wires from a steel cable."

Reason for Break. Mr. Robertson's report is highly technical and scientific and goes into the whole subject with commendable thoroughness. He comes to the conclusion that the failure of the cable was entirely due to the oxidizing of the wires, chiefly internally, caused by apparent absolute lack of any internal lubrication, leaving the wires exposed to the action of a more than normally corrosive water and a humid atmosphere. The internal hemp core, he goes on to say, which under a steel structure such rust will continue, would serve as a reservoir of oil to keep the wires oiled and protected from corrosion, not being supplied with oil, he says, and a frequent renewal of the oil supply would be necessary to ward off the corrosion of the wires.

No Stopping Interior Rust. The report goes on to express the view that it is a well-known fact that if rust gets started in a steel structure, such rust will continue, despite any surface application of anything that may exclude the atmosphere. Hence, only a thorough soaking of the hemp core with oil before it is installed and a frequent renewal of the oil supply would be necessary to ward off the corrosion. Mr. Robertson says the fact that the tests showed the cable to be more corroded in certain parts than elsewhere, and these not in any regular progression may be accounted for by local conditions in the shaft, of which he has no knowledge.

Test Pieces. Included in Mr. Robertson's report is a chart of tests which is of considerable value in the technical survey of the cable which gave way, particularly from the point of view of determining causes. One test piece was cut at three feet below the point of break, and the test piece did not appear to have been damaged by the fall; the rope was still tightly twisted, and but slightly bent, not enough to affect it seriously. It was badly corroded, and in the interior of the cable one of the strands was completely cut through by erosion. There were no indications that the rope had ever seen oil.

No Indications of Oil. Test piece No. 2 was cut starting about five feet above the tapered end of the fractured cable. It showed very even elongation for each successive increase in five tons in load, up to 60,000 pounds, at about which point the elastic limit seemed to be reached. Under a load of 81,900 pounds four strands of the rope broke, the break extending twelve inches below the upper grip. In breaking, clouds of dust were given off, the doors of the building had to be opened to clear the air, indicating the interior of the rope to be very dry, with no indications of having been oiled. The report on this test says that the two remaining strands broken under a load of 21,000 pounds.

Varies From 13 to 80 Tons. Reference to the test chart shows five tests of the cable below the break, the cable above the break, and the cable on the drum. The breaking point varies from thirteen to eighty tons.

And in this connection it is interesting to compare the weight of the empty cage as given by the Company, 4,567 pounds, 175 feet of rope, about 540 pounds, sixteen men at an average of say, 170 pounds, 2,720 pounds, making a known dead load of approximately four tons. Mr. Robertson understands the cable broke just about the time that portion of the cable passed over the sheave. And when a one and one-half inch rope bends over a sheave ten feet in diameter there is an additional dead weight of 9,360 pounds. So that in this case the cable appears to have broken at a strain of a little over eight tons.

MISSING SON DEAD

Parents Receive Confirmation of Death of Pte. Guy Bucknam, Missing Since May, 1917.

Capt. and Mrs. Guy Bucknam, of Victoria, have just received word from France of the fate of their son, Pte. Guy Bucknam, who was reported missing in May, 1917, and of whom his parents were heard nothing since. Unfortunately the news furnished confirmation of their worst fears, and was contained in a letter received by Mrs.



THE LATE GUY BUCKNAM

Rogers, of Ottawa, from her husband, Major Rogers, now in France, with a request that it be forwarded to the parents of a fallen soldier, found on the battlefield, identified as the body of Pte. Bucknam. In a covering letter to Mrs. Bucknam, Mrs. Rogers says: "My husband came across a soldier boy who had fallen. The body had been lying exposed for three or four months. My husband gave him a Christian burial and is forwarding the letters and photographs found on the body."

MUSICAL GEM IS VARIETY FEATURE

"Ten Navassar Girls" Top Splendid Vaudeville Bill at Pantages

All music lovers will storm the Pantages Theatre this week to be captivated by the Ten Navassar Girls. Artists, charming artists, everyone of them, they appear as "Instrumentalists De Luxe," and crowded first night audiences were not slow to appreciate the delightful accomplishments of these feminine musical wizards. The company has a very extensive repertoire, but the performers excel in the recreation of bird notes which are reproduced with astonishing effect. "Bird Song" is a remarkably realistic number, and is a prelude to some delightful solo work.

Miss Blanche Hall, the solo flautist, makes a wonderful impression in "The Nightingale." The thrilling notes of the canary are cleverly brought out by Miss Jean Stockwell, the violin soloist, while Miss Vera Van Atta, literally brings down the house with her intricate but so dainty selections on the cornet.

"A Little Bit of Hon'" is a sweet number delightfully sung by a talented trombone soloist, Miss Augusta Dial wields the conductor's baton with skill, and she is an accomplished pianist.

A most striking and novel number is the "Anvil Chorus," which concludes one of the most delightful musical programmes ever staged in Victoria. The Ten Navassar Girls are quite capable of filling the house three times daily, but the management is offering five additional vaudeville acts which assist in making the current week's programme an exceptionally attractive one. For instance, the meszozoograms of Dorothy Lewis bring that songstress right into the limelight of public approval.

Dorothy possesses a rich mezzo-soprano voice which reaches all hearts. The Chung Hua Four describe themselves as the world's only Chinese exponents of harmony and fun. The songs of China are not exactly a hit, so they switch to the English language and more popular subjects. One of the party is an excellent performer on the Hawaiian steel guitar. The Scotch characterizations and songs by these versatile people naturally puts the house into a state of uncontrollable convulsions.

Joe Whitehead is back this way again, and he is as popular as ever. His nonsensical stuff and unquenchable good humor makes him a popular favorite. He studies the current week's crowd and plays up to it. Leon Stanton and company offer a playlet entitled "In Service," featuring the eccentricities of a patriotic civil war veteran. Miss Collins's Circus is a popular act with the youngsters and creates lots of enjoyment for the grown-ups. There is a sleek pony and hosts of dogs and monkeys, all cleverly trained.

The film serial, "A Fight for Millions," has all the thrills of former productions.

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RECEIVED HIS EARLY EDUCATION HERE

David Belasco, Famous Theatrical Manager, Has Had Adventurous Career

Particularly interesting to Victorians in view of the fact that the celebrated playwright and producer spent much of his early life in this city is a book recently published under the title, "The Life of David Belasco." The book is a posthumous publication, the author, William Winter, a former eminent New York critic, having died before the book was ready for publication. In a review of the work, the literary critic of The Sun, intelligence gives a synopsis of Belasco's eventful career, of which the following extracts may be of interest to Victorians:

David Belasco is descended from an old Portuguese Hebrew family, members of which emigrated from Portugal to England in 1495-1521, when the Jews were being cruelly persecuted. His father and mother were both born in London. The father's occupation was that of a harlequin. Both parents were of strong character and adventurous spirit, sufficient to send them seeking their fortune to the Eldorado of that period—California. There, in 1855, on July 28, David Belasco was born in a room in a cellar. Later the family moved to Victoria, where the boy was sent to a school called the Colonial, and when about seven years of age, he was placed in the hands of a kindly Roman Catholic priest who perceived in the lad uncommon intelligence and precocious talent.

A proposition to David's parents that the boy should dwell under the priest's care in a monastery and be educated with sternuous objection by David's father, as he was studiously Jewish and strictly orthodox in his religious views. But his mother, who was intellectual, imaginative and romantic, was also more liberal in opinion, and eventually prevailed. With the lad's persuasions, against the paternal scruples.

Early Vicissitudes. His first formal appearance on the stage was made when he was a pupil at the grammar school in San Francisco, where his parents eventually resided. He took the part of a super and was given a whirl such a storm of applause by his schoolmates in the gallery, who demanded that he should recite "The Maniac," that their boisterous and enthusiastic performance, annoyed the leading lady and brought about his discharge by the manager.

Belasco was stage-smitten, undoubtedly, and his admiration for Lotta, the dramatic cocktail, as she was called, who played "Fire-Fly," led him and his friends to organize an amateur theatrical association called, in her honor, "The Fire-Fly Social and Dramatic Club." It was inevitable that he should become a member of the club. But years he travelled the Pacific coast with various bands of vagabond players, from Mexico on the south to Seaside and Victoria on the north, performing in all sorts of places and glad of anything he could earn.

From reciting poems, in which he was encouraged by parents and teachers, he wrote plays, the first one entitled "Jim Black; or the Regulator's Revenge!" Another of his early writings was "The Roll of the Drum," which he performed in the north, after the death of Abraham Lincoln, and though he was less than twelve years of age, still it was quite in the trend of his line of thought at that time.

His Early Marriage. Later on Belasco gave imitations of well-known actors and prepared an ambitious programme of recitations, and while giving the latter he was attracted by an exceptionally handsome girl, whom he has since described as one "all compact of sweetness," and after securing an introduction the acquaintance rapidly ripened into a serious attachment, and in 1873, at the age of twenty, the marriage of David Belasco and Cecilia Lovelich was solemnized, and then followed what he calls the happiest experience of his life—a year of victorious barnstorming expeditions, accompanied by his young wife.

David Belasco played about 175 roles of which a record has been kept. From the nurse in "Romeo and Juliet" to Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and again to various Shakespearean characters, he endeavored to correct the "incongruity between the stage way of doing things and the way of life," which he had early observed and condemned, but which his biographer considers one of Belasco's errant notions, for "no modern manager has invented 'natural'—by which I mean artistic acting."

Reaches His Goal. At the age of twenty-nine Belasco brought his career in San Francisco to an end and embarked on the venture which eventually landed him in New York. By that time he had played the roles already mentioned, and altered, adapted, written and rewritten more than 100 plays and directed the production of more than three times that number. Throughout all the years "he has been from the first, and is now, a conspicuously representative exponent of the sensational drama."



TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS

Pantages—Vaudeville. Dominion—Florence Vidor and Bryant Washburn in "Till I Come Back to You." Royal Victoria—Norma Talmadge in "The Safety Curtain." Variety—Norma Talmadge, Constance Talmadge and Robert Harron in "The Missing Links." Columbia—Betty Howe and Edward Earle in "The Blind Adventure." Romano—Gladys Hulette and Creighton Hale in "Annexing Bill," and Ruth Roland in Pathe serial "Hands Up."

ROYAL VICTORIA

Norma Talmadge, the brilliant subject-matter, in a favorite emotional role, in her latest picture, "The Safety Curtain," which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria dance-to-night, tells the story of Puck, a dancer in a cheap London music-hall, who is suddenly transplanted into army life at a post in India. During her act at the theatre a fire breaks out and she is caught between the back of the stage and the asbestos curtain. She is saved and after many exciting adventures she gains her happiness. Eugene O'Brien leads the supporting cast as Captain Merron and contributes an exceedingly polished performance. Anders Randolph as Vulcan, the strong man of vaudeville, gives a skilful performance as the heavy, while Gledien James and Lillian J. Hall round out the cast of principals.

DOMINION

The name of Cecil B. De Mille, the distinguished motion picture producer, is well-known throughout the amusement world. Mr. De Mille is a producer of special subjects of the highest class, which, for several years, have been making cinema history of vast importance to the industry. He produced many notable photoplays, including "John the Woman," a magnificent spectacle; "The Woman God Forgot," starring Geraldine Farrar; "The Risping Chorus," "Old Wives for New," "We Can't Have Everything" and his latest production, "Till I Come Back to You," now at the Dominion Theatre, is said to be one of the most magnificent cinema spectacles thus far presented to the public. Mr. De Mille is a director of exceptional talent, who has made rapid strides toward absolute perfection in his recent pictures. That his reputation for artistry will not suffer as a result of his latest production, but that on the contrary it is a distinct advance in the art of which he is a master, seems to be assured.

ROMANO

How life seethes and boils at times even in a peaceful little town is thrillingly recounted in "The Missing Links," the Triangle picture in which Norma and Constance Talmadge and Robert Harron are featured this week in the Variety screen. As a background for stirring events are shown views of the quiet Main Street, typical of a rural community and interiors of a church during a service and of the homes of the tranquil inhabitants. But love and finance intrigue action into the serene atmosphere. A regular feud is started against the banker and his two sons by the justice of peace, because one of the banker's sons, Robert Harron, elopes with the justice's stepdaughter, Norma Talmadge. The justice seizes an opportunity to wreak his ill-will against the banker. A rumor is started that the bank is insolvent and the depositors withdraw their money, till finally the doors have to be closed.

VARIETY

The girl is unquestionably a beauty and they have a common interest—they both find amusement in the personal columns of a London newspaper. But he does not know her, and when he attracts her attention through a cleverly-worded advertisement in the column, she stipulates that he shall first prove himself capable of interesting her by writing her one letter a day that she will consider worthy of personal. How he performs this task so well that his letters bring her to a point where she thinks only of him and his imaginary dangers is brought out in "The Blind Adventure," the Vitaphone Blue Ribbon Feature, which will be the attraction at the Columbia again to-day. The picture, an adaptation of the story, "The Agony Column," by Earl Derr Biggers, is headed by the popular favorites, Edward Earle and Betty Howe. Others in the cast are Frank Norcross, Gilbert Rooney, William Bailey, C. A. Stevenson, George Wright, P. D. Standing, Eulalie Jensen and John Sturgeon.

COLUMBIA

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FISTICUFFS CASE IS WON ON APPEAL

Judge Lampman Reverses Decision of Lower Court in Dawe vs. McOrmond

R. C. Lowe has won in his appeal in the fisticuffs case of Dawe vs. McOrmond, which has caused so much amusement in two courts. McOrmond went to collect a bill from Dawe and the evidence showed that after Dawe had called McOrmond a liar, McOrmond struck out with his first with telling effect. Magistrate Jay imposed a fine of ten dollars on the informant and an appeal was taken to the County Court. Judge Lampman in his judgment reversing Magistrate Jay's decision, says: "The appellant, who was fined for assaulting one Dawe, appeals from the conviction. The two got into an argument on Dawe's veranda, the subject of the debate being whether or not Dawe owed McOrmond an account which the latter had called to collect. After the preliminaries Dawe said: 'I don't owe it, to which McOrmond retorted 'you do', and then after several repetitions of 'you do' by McOrmond and 'I don't' by Dawe the latter changed his form of reasoning and called McOrmond a liar, and McOrmond promptly hit Dawe on the nose with his fist and ended that stage of the dispute. McOrmond pleads self-defence, and says in the act of calling him a liar was drawing back his hand as though about to hit. Dawe says he never had his hands out of his pockets. If he does keep his hands in his pockets he is a very careless man, but that he did is so improbable that I cannot credit it. In the circumstances I think McOrmond was justified in thinking Dawe was about to strike, and I do not think he used any unjustifiable force."

POSITIONS FOR SAILORS

Navy League Bureau Opened; Fred Clark Goes into Meat Market Business.

With the demobilization of the R. N. C. V. E. the information bureau opened by the Victoria branch of the Navy League of Canada in the Union Bank Building is making every endeavor to secure immediate employment for the men and to business themselves and those seeking employment are requested to communicate with the local branch of the League. Some of the men have been able to obtain positions through their own efforts, but some are not sufficiently acquainted with business interests at once to find a berth. Others have even gone to business themselves at other among these is Fred Clark, who is well known for his activities in connection with the Victoria West Red Cross Society.

Mr. Clark served in the R. N. V. C. R. from August 4, 1914, until the time he was given his discharge on demobilization and he has decided to open a business in the West End at 2420 Government Street. He announces that he will be ready for business on Thursday.

The Beehive for Dolls. Will Be Ruffed.—The doll's house, made by a returned soldier and recently raffled for the Red Cross, is again being raffled for the benefit of the same society. By the kind permission of the Carter Electric Co. it is now on view in the window on View Street, where tickets can be purchased. It is intended to draw the winning number on Saturday evening at the same place.

11th C. M. R. Decorated.—Sergt. C. E. Kerridge, D. C. M., has been awarded the French Military Medal, "La Médaille Militaire d'Honneur" for gallant conduct in the field, according to a cable received by his wife, residing in North Vancouver. Sergt. Kerridge, who was in the employ of the C. P. R. before enlisting, left from Victoria with the 11th C. M. R. and has been overseas nearly three years. He had previously been mentioned in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig and awarded the D. C. M. Seven members of his family were with various branches of the imperial forces.

Souvenir Raffle.—The copper belt which A. E. Rankin, better known as "Hank," cut from one of the life boats of H. M. S. Hampshire, will be raffled on Saturday along with a \$500 gold piece. The prizes were to have been disposed of last Saturday, but owing to the press of business in Mr. Rankin's new restaurant at the corner of Johnson Street and Government Street he was unable to attend to the matter. The belt will be displayed in the window of the fish and chip shop during the week, and all persons patronizing the establishment will be given a ticket entitling them to a chance in the raffle.

MORE THAN HUNDRED VICTORIANS COMING

Large Party for This Section Will Arrive at Week-End

The British Columbia Returned Soldiers' Commission, Parliament Buildings, has been advised by telegram from the O. C. Clearing Depot, Halifax, that the following officers arrived there on the Olympic on Saturday, and left there the same day for M. D. 11: Lieut.-Col. John James Fry, J. V. N. Spencer, Major James Campbell Macdonald, Campbell H. Duncan Robertson, Acting-Major D. O. Tulloch, Rochford, R. M. Blair, Capt. Clemens Carmichael, J. G. Fleck, Donald McPherson Grant and Harry Lunan Robinson and Wm. Augustus Richardson, Lieut. Wm. Oliver Giesler, Leonard Frederick Bessner, Wm. John Baum, Donald Morrison Mitchell, Henry Arnold Morley, Thos. Grantham Norris, Harry Platt, Windover Robinson, L. N. Richardson, Wilhelm Schjelderup, Thomas Clements Stewart, Walter Gordon-Wilkins, William Charles Winkel, Lieut. C. C. Emerson and W. B. Joyce.

The following other ranks from the Olympic left Halifax on December 14, proceeding on furlough to points named. No addresses have yet been received: Victoria—Brigade-Sergeant Major Frank Hatcher, P.M.M.; C.-Q. W.-S. H. E. Thompson, P.M.V. W. Bretinall, J. Gordon, D. Muir, Ranouf and J. H. White, Sergt. A. Sainsbury, Ptes. R. Barber, R. M. Burrows, H. J. Chalmers, W. G. Cook, B. H. Harral, J. A. H. Holder, and S. V. Lloyd, Sapper E. A. McLellan, Pte. G. Pathebridge, Acting-Corpl. A. Ragazzonia, Ptes. A. Simpson, R. Vance, G. Wilders, W. C. Freeman, T. N. Ard, G. A. Dyson, Lce.-Corpl. C. Hine, Pte. E. Parsons, Gun. Ross, Sergt. G. Leslie, Pte. O. N. Anderson, Pte. F. L. Barbour, Lce.-Corpl. A. Campbell, Corpl. G. H. Chamberlain, Sapper W. Craftery, Pte. P. Roseberry, Lce.-Corpl. H. G. Honey, Pte. F. Lee, Sapper A. J. McKinnon, Pte. A. Pezmore, Pte. F. H. Pearce, Sapper W. Robinson, Ptes. W. Thomson, G. A. Whalley, L. Zink and G. J. Glider, Acting-Corpl. E. J. Pearce, Gun. R. R. Duglas, Sapper C. Dale, Pte. N. J. Hackett, Pte. C. Thompson, Sergt. J. W. Lorimer, Ptes. C. Campbell, W. Fitzgerald, A. Gallera, W. O'Brien, L. A. Smith and T. Wright, Sapper H. J. Jewell, Sapper M. McCloskey, A. C.-S.-M. J. Grant, Acting-Corpl. J. Dempster, Acting-Lce.-Corpl. A. C. Nicholls, Pte. C. S. Whiting, Gun. L. Bues, Corpl. S. G. Gasped, Gun. H. E. McGregor, Gun. Nicholson, Ptes. E. Dunstun, Corpl. H. Smith, S.-Sergt. M. R. Cowillard, Pte. S. Blackmore, Gun. D. Dyer, Pte. A. Foster, Sergt. R. Gemil, Ptes. Hamilton, A. M. Kettle, J. Kerr and J. Samson, Gun. L. E. Grunill, Pte. H. Booth, Gun. C. Meade, Gun. J. J. McDonald and Pte. E. Alexander.

SAANICH FOLDER IS PROVING ATTRACTIVE

Arousing Interest of Prairie People, Who Wish to Settle Here

"A copy of your folder, 'Saanich' has come into my hands and I am very much pleased with it. I have been doing quite a lot of verbal advertising for Victoria and vicinity recently and would very much like to see if you would send me fifty more folders, so that I may put them in the hands of those interested," writes one of the recent converts of the Victoria and Island Development Association from Calgary. As a result of his visit to Vancouver Island last year he purchased some acreage in the vicinity which he is coming out to improve next month and he is doing his best to induce some of his friends to establish their homes near Victoria.

Miss Taylor reports that prairie people are arriving in the city steadily, and though it is anticipated that there may be a slight dropping off in travel just before the holidays, the big rush is looked for in January. In the last few days the register of the association shows a large list of prairie visitors.

There is also a material increase in the number of inquiries received by Miss Taylor, and applications come from returned soldiers, railway companies, business men, ministers of the Gospel and others for pamphlets describing Victoria and the surrounding district.

To-day no less than seven inquiries were received, through Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Northwest Tourist Association, for information respecting tourist routes from motorists in seven different States, and already a number of correspondents are seeking information as to the best place in which to spend next summer's holiday.

ARRANGE LECTURE SERIES

L'Alliance Francaise to Open Winter Series on January 11; Good Speakers.

L'Alliance Francaise is again arranging a series of French lectures for this winter to be held in the Provincial Library. Exceptionally good lecturers have been secured. The opening event will be "Recitations des Poetes Belges," by the famous Belgian actor Monsieur Carlo Lito, on January 11 at 8.30 p.m. The other lectures arranged are: "Reims Depuis Vingt Siecles," by Monsieur Andre Fribourg, the official lecturer of L'Alliance Francaise of New York; "The Late Edmund Rostand and His Work," by Monsieur Paul Leyssac, and "Versailles," by Madame Sanderson-Mongin. Professor Ashton, of the University of British Columbia, will also lecture during the season. All desiring further information regarding these lectures should telephone 441 before Saturday, December 28.

As a result of a similar series of lectures last season the sum of \$31.00 was forwarded to France for patriotic purposes.

A Bazaar Will Be Held in the St. John's Hall, Herald Street, on Wednesday, December 18, commencing at 2.30.

Finest for Drunkenness.—For being drunk on Caledonia Avenue, Celeste Stino was fined \$10 by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning.

Alleged, Liquor Selling.—Charged with having liquor for sale in the Tourist Bar, on Johnson Street, William White appeared in the Police Court this morning and was remanded until Friday. Bail was fixed by Magistrate Jay at \$500.

A further curtailment of service, heat and light at stations in England is now expected owing to the coal shortage.



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The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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Balfour Sanatorium Fund.—Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior has to-day sent off a cheque to Balfour Sanatorium, representing the results of a subscription list taken up in Victoria for the purpose of providing Christmas cheer for the patients at that institution. The subscriptions included the following: W. Agnew, \$25; Ald. E. B. Andros, \$10; J. F. Babcock, \$5; Sir P. S. Barnard, \$5; Senator Barnard, \$10; W. F. Bullen, \$25; G. H. Dawson, \$5; A. C. Flumerfelt, \$5; R. P. Rithet & Co., \$20; A. T. Goward, \$10; R. F. Green, M. P., \$25; Col. Hon. Mr. Justice Gregory, \$5; Capt. H. R. Hammond, M. C., \$10; C. A. Holland, \$5; A. Montzambert, \$5; Col. Hon. E. G. Prior, \$10; C. F. Todd, \$10; W. C. Todd, \$10; Capt. J. W. Troup, \$10; H. G. Wilson, \$10; J. E. Wilson, \$10; B. Wilson, \$15; Major A. E. Jukes, \$5; R. P. Butchart, \$25. Total, \$375.

Fernwood Red Cross.—The military ave hundred drive, announced to take place at the Fernwood Red Cross workrooms on Friday evening, has been postponed until after the holidays. The date will be announced later.

VICTORIA NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

OATMAN SIGNED FOR ARISTOCRAT'S PIVOT

Bob Genge and Dubbie Kerr Are Getting Into Pro-Hockey Form

Eddie Oatman is the first man to be signed up on the Aristocrat's pivot. When the Pacific Coast hockey stars get started early next month in Victoria, Eddie, it is more than likely, will be found to be captain of the reconstructed Victoria team.

With Lester Patrick as manager and Oatman as captain, if Eddie is chosen for the leadership, Victoria will be led by two players with the same ideas on combination and with ideas which they are relying upon to bring the world's championship to the island.

Dubbie Kerr and Bob Genge were on the ice last night working out with



BOB GENGE.

Lester Patrick and some of the amateurs who were invited to the rink. There have been no contracts signed by either of the two professional players yet, but there is a possibility that they will once more wear the Aristocrat's uniform.

The amateurs. George Straith was out with some of the amateurs who he is relying upon carrying off the trophies in the amateur league, Charlie Burnett, of the Foundation Company, was also on the ice.

MAJOR MAY BE HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Former President Major J. P. Fitzgerald, of the Canadian League, who recently won the Military Cross for bravery and who is now overseas, has been suggested as successor to H. J. Farrell as president of the International League by James J. McCaffery, of the Toronto Club.

WOULD GIVE WILDE A CHANCE IN 15 ROUNDS

London, Dec. 17.—The result of the defeat handed by Pat Moore to the Memphis bantamweight, to Jimmy Wilde, the idol of the British fighting public, has aroused much discussion and efforts have been begun to match Moore with the English bantamweight champion in a contest of fifteen rounds.

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CALLS FOR RALLY OF SPORTSMEN

Secretary of the B. C. A. A. U., who calls for a rally of sportsmen on Saturday to prepare plans for the big sporting season expected with the cessation of hostilities.



W. H. SPALDING

FIELD DAY HELD BY TROOPS AT WILLOWS

Programme of Track, Mounted Events, and Ice Hockey at Camp

The following is the list of results of events held at the field day at the Willows training camp yesterday—in addition to those already published:

Final, running broad jump—1, Beaver (Machine Gun Co.), 16 feet 2 inches; 2, Cummins (B Co., 259th), 16 feet 1 inch; 3, Denning (B Co., 259th), 16 feet 1 inch.

Final, running high jump—1, Hilley (Machine Gun Co.), 4 feet 9 inches; 2, Sgt. Earl (C Co., 259th), 4 feet 8 inches; 3, Harris (B Co., 259th), 4 feet 8 inches.

Final, 220 yards—1, Hillier (Machine Gun Co.); 2, Colling (260th Batt.).

Final, bomb throwing—1, A Co., 260th Batt., with 51 points; 2, Machine Gun Co., with 46 points; 3, A Co., 259th Batt., with 36 points.

Final, 100 yards—1, Cummings (259th Batt.); 2, Collins (260th Batt.); 3, Beamer (Machine Gun Co.).

Final, tug-of-war—C Co., of 260th Batt., won from B Co., of 259th Batt., in two straight pulls.

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Again supposing the name of this island were to be changed and our good guardians were providing for the protection of this distant part of the Empire, and it had been arranged that half a dozen of His Majesty's ships should proceed to Esquimalt, Vancouver Island, the North Pacific rendezvous, and there await orders. It is true that perhaps all of the navigating officers of that great fleet know every port or place where ships of war await orders from time to time, but if the name of the island were changed and the officers did not know it, they surely would be at sea.

The good people of this island did not ask the people of Granville to change the name of that city while in embargo. Hence, if it is desirable to have a change of name let its inhabitants propose to New Westminster to form a higher estimate in the public mind, for there is ample room on that fine peninsula for a great city, and Westminster is a historical name.

And, again, the fact this city having been named with the name of that illustrious woman, "Victoria the good," in association with Vancouver Island, is one more reason why its name should not be changed.

As to Sir William Van Horne's views, I may say the writer had many a half-hour's chat with Sir William Van Horne, as he was aware that I was a member of the Legislature, a member of the Council of this city and one of a firm doing a large commercial business in the northern part of the province as well as having some

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HUGE LIST OF PASSENGERS DUE ON LINER SUWA

N. Y. K. Boat Due Sunday With 384 Travelers From Orient

With nearly four hundred passengers aboard the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Suwa Maru is due to reach Victoria on Sunday next from ports in the Far East. Among the saloon passengers arriving by the Suwa Maru will be the Chinese delegation to the peace conference at Versailles. The Japanese party, headed by Marquis T. Saionji, ex-premier of Japan, which was supposed to have booked passage by the liner, is said to have embarked on one of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liners at Yokohama for San Francisco. Baron Renpel Kondo, head of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, also one of the Japanese delegation, is looked for on the liner Fushimi Maru. It is expected that the Japanese and Chinese envoys will cross the Atlantic on the same boat.

Majority for Victoria. The Suwa Maru, according to cable advices received by W. R. Dale, local N. Y. K. agent, carries 298 passengers for Victoria, and 174 are booked for points in the United States and Europe via Seattle. The liner is bringing in a capacity cargo and according to cable advices will discharge 944 tons at this port. On her next outward voyage the Suwa Maru will only go as far as Kobe. All saloon space on the steamer ship has been booked for the return trip to the Orient.

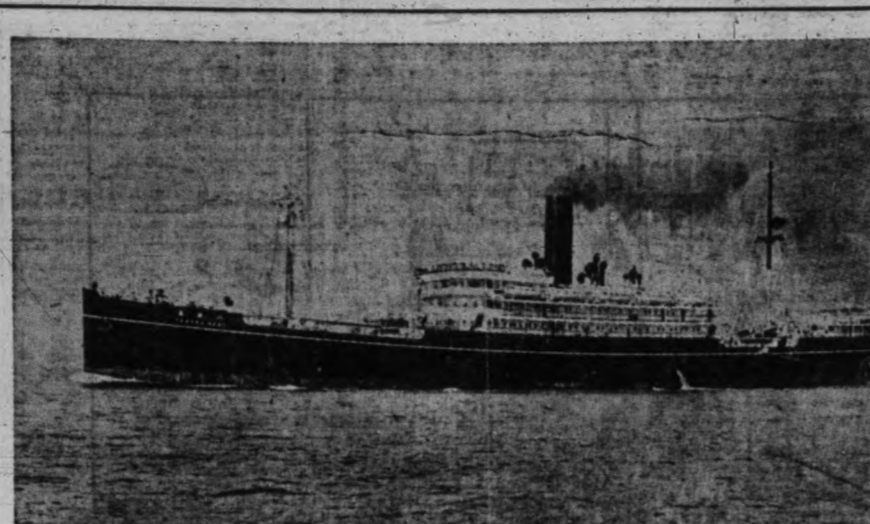
SEVENTEEN LOST WHEN STEAMSHIP LARGHROVE SANK

New York, Dec. 17.—Seventeen members of the crew of the British steamer LARGHROVE lost their lives when that ship sank in a collision with the American steamer Hawaiian the latter part of October in the Strait of Gibraltar. It was learned here today with the arrival of the Hawaiian. The American ship was leaving the Strait and the British entering when the collision occurred.

WIRELESS REPORT

Dec. 17, 8 a.m. Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 30.14; 29; dense fog seaward. Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 30.15; 37; sea smooth. Pachen—Cloudy; S. E. light; 30.03; 40; light swell. Estevan—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.95; 38; sea smooth. Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.88; 42; sea smooth. Spoke str Redondo; 6.20 p.m., abeam 6 p.m., southbound; passed out, str Prince Rupert; 11.45 p.m., southbound; passed out, str Venture; 12.50 a.m., southbound. Triangle—Cloudy; calm; 30.00; 34; sea moderate. Spoke str Prince Rupert; 2.20 p.m., Queen Charlotte Sound; southbound; spoke str Santa Ana; 9.25 p.m., off Idol Point, S. E., northbound. Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.70; 36; sea smooth. Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.52; 42; sea moderate. Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E., strong; 19.50; 36; sea rough. Spoke str Prince Rupert; 9.15 p.m., off Tree Point, southbound. Noon. Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.15; 33; thick seaward. Cape Lazo—Overcast; S. E.; 30.08; 18; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Beatrice; 9.10 a.m., abeam, southbound; spoke str Redondo; 9.05 a.m., abeam, southbound; spoke str Venture; 11.30 a.m., off Campbell Falls, southbound. Pachen—Cloudy; S. E. light; 30.04; 46; sea moderate. Estevan—Overcast; S. E. light; 29.97; 44; sea smooth. Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E., strong; 29.97; 44; sea rough. Spoke str Admiral Nicholson; 9.35 a.m., off Egg Island, northbound; spoke str Prince George; 11.30 a.m., off Five Islands, northbound. Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.68; 43; light swell. Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.57; 49; sea rough. Spoke str Venture; 11.35 a.m., abeam Digby Island, southbound.

NEARING PORT WITH HUGE PASSENGER LIST



N. Y. K. LINER SUWA MARU

HIGH COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Lieut. Vaisou, of French Navy, Inspecting Wooden Ship Contracts

Expressing his satisfaction with the progress made by the Foundation Company at its Victoria plant on contracts for the French Government, Lieut. Albert F. Vaisou De Fontaube, of the French Navy, arrived in the city on Sunday, and spent yesterday visiting the yards. He is a member of the French High Commission in the United States and Canada, which is charged with purchasing material for that Government. Lieut. Vaisou, who has been attached to the Commission, in connection with its New York offices for the past five months, is making a thorough investigation into the programme of shipping for the French Government on the North Pacific Coast. His inspection so far has been encouraging, and he speaks in high praise of the class of construction accomplished on the Pacific seaboard. "I am not going to make any statement with regard to new contracts," said Lieut. Vaisou, "because there have already been hints to that effect from other quarters, and such announcements might not materialize, thereby causing disappointment to the shipbuilding companies and to the workers. Irrespective of steel shipbuilding, I think there is a future for wooden shipbuilding up to a limited tonnage on this coast, with the magnificent timber resources of British Columbia, possessing the very best classes of lumber for wooden shipbuilding. This opportunity affords the basis of a permanent industry. "While there has not been the development of the iron ore resources of the Island yet, in conjunction with coal there should be considerable openings in the future to develop a shipbuilding plant using western manufactured steel. Lieut. Vaisou will remain on the Coast for some time, and concentrate his attention on the shipbuilding programme for the French Government. Before he was attached to the shipping branch of the High Commission, he was on active service with the French Navy in the war.

ASIA WILL BE FIRST OF C. P. O. S. SHIPS TO RETURN

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—Advice has been received by Mr. J. J. Forster, General Agent for the C. P. O. S., that the big liner Empress of Asia, Captain W. Davidson, will be the first vessel of the fleet to be returned to the Pacific after many months' service in carrying troops and munitions to France.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Yokohama, Dec. 11.—Arrived: Str Kamo Maru, Seattle. Seattle, Dec. 16.—Arrived: Kongsan Maru, Calcutta; Rush, Barclay Sound. Sailed: Str Queen, San Pedro. San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Arrived: Strs Wapama, Everett; Arregil, Seattle; Sailed: Strs Celio, Seattle; Rose City, Daisy, Helene, Aurelia, Portland. Tacoma, Dec. 16.—Arrived: Strs Andes Maru, Yokohama, via Vancouver; B. C. Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—Arrived: Strs W. F. Herrin, Gavitoia. Sailed: Strs Atlas, San Francisco; City of Topeka, Coos Bay, Gen Serrett, France.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Table with columns for Date, Sunrise (Hour Min), and Sunset (Hour Min) for the month of December, 1918.

RETURNING ON ASIA



CAPT. W. DAVIDSON

STEAMER ADMIRAL FARRAGUT ARRIVES FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Temporarily replacing the steamship Governor, the Admiral Farragut, of the Pacific Steamship Company's fleet, arrived in port this morning from San Francisco with passengers and freight. The Governor is now laid up at Seattle for cylinder repairs. The Farragut was formerly one of the Alaska-Pacific fleet, which was absorbed by the Pacific Steamship Company when that concern merged interests with the Admiral Line.

TIDE TABLE

Tide table for December, showing high and low water times and heights for various locations.

The time used in Pacific Standard, for the 18th meridian west, is counted from 4 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower low water. Equivalents.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 19.0 feet to the height of high water as above given.

TRAVEL BY NIGHT BOATS VERY BRISK

Regular Service Maintained Now That Princess Royal is on Route

According to a statement made this morning by Capt. J. W. Troun, Manager of C.P.R. coast steamships, travel by the night boats to and from Vancouver is quite brisk and fully justifies the operation of the steamship Princess Royal on the route. The Princess Royal was back in port this morning from the mainland after temporarily relieving the Princess Patricia while that vessel was blowing down her boilers. She will leave port at 11.45 o'clock to-night for Vancouver and will continue to alternate with the Princess Alice on the night run pending the completion of repairs to the Princess Adelaide. The slight disruption to the service following the accident to the Adelaide has now been satisfactorily adjusted as a regular nightly service to and from the Mainland will hereafter be maintained. The other services of the C.P.R. will be maintained as at present.

Sal Duc's Schedule. There has been a slight change in the schedule of the steamer Sol Duc between Seattle and Victoria. On Monday of each week the Sol Duc leaves Seattle at 9 a.m., eliminating the call at Port Angeles and way ports en route, and takes the regular 4.30 p.m. sailing from this port for Seattle. Monday is "lay-over" day for the C.P.R. Seattle boat and the Sol Duc maintains the service, having been substituted for the Indianapolis. During the balance of the week, except Sundays, the Sol Duc provides the usual morning service between Seattle and Victoria via Port Angeles.

FORCED INTO PORT WITH BUNKERS AFIRE

Blaze Which Developed at Sea Diverted Steamer Cadaretta to Honolulu

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Forced to put into Honolulu because of a fire in her bunkers, the United States Shipping Board steamer Cadaretta, bound from Seattle to Vladivostok, is discharging her cargo at the island port, the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce was informed here yesterday. No details were given as to the extent of the damage done by the fire. Built at Portland. Seattle, Dec. 17.—The 3,600-ton steel steamer Cadaretta left Seattle the latter part of November with army quartermaster's supplies for Vladivostok. She was the first steamer to load army supplies here for the Siberian port. The Cadaretta was built by the Albina Engine & Machinery Works of Portland, Ore.

WOODEN CONTRACT TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN ONE YEAR

First Flock of Foundation Ships Will Be Put Into Water by April

Descriptive of the type of vessels now under construction for the French Government at the Victoria yards of the Foundation Company, outline specifications now available are of particular interest. It is proposed to launch the first eight hulls before April 1, 1919; the second eight before August 1, 1919, and the last four before November 1, 1919. The contract calls for the delivery of the twenty completed steamships by January 1, 1920. Following are the general dimensions of the twenty 2,000-ton deadweight wooden steamships: Length over all, 293 feet; length between perpendiculars, 276 feet; extreme beam, 47 1/2 feet; molded depth, 24 1/2 feet; draft over keel, 21 1/2 feet; deadweight carrying capacity, 3,000 tons; displacement, 5,655 tons.

Single-Deck Type. The vessels will be of the single-deck type, built principally of Douglas fir and will have elliptical sterns with long poop deck and raised forecastle. There will be five hatches to each vessel, four watertight bulkheads, one bunker bulkhead, one screen bulkhead and watertight doors between engine and shaft tunnel. Cabin accommodation for officers will be in deck houses erected on the poop deck, while accommodations for the crew will be located in the forecastle.

To Give Strength. On top of the wooden keelsons, rider keelsons of lattice girder construction are to be installed. All necessary davits, lifeboats, anchors and cable, steering engine, companion ladders, storerooms and wireless apparatus are to be furnished and installed. The vessels are to be built according to the requirements of the Bureau Veritas for highest classification. The electric lighting plant to be installed will consist of two seven and one-half kilowatt engine or turbine driven generator sets. There will be a complete pumping installation.

Propelling Machinery. The propelling machinery is to be built to conform to and meet with the requirements of the Bureau Veritas for highest classification. The machinery will consist of two 550-horsepower, vertical, direct-acting, three-crank, triple-expansion marine engines, each to develop not less than 550 indicated horsepower when working under full boiler pressure. The boilers will consist of two coal-burning Scotch boilers with a heating surface of about 3,500 square feet, built for a working pressure of 225 pounds to the square inch. Other equipment will include main surface condenser, auxiliary condenser with combined steam circulating pump, steam-driven centrifugal circulating pump, independent air pump, main feed pump, auxiliary feed pump, fire and bilge pumps, sanitary pump, general service pump, bilge pump, fresh water pump, injector, feed water heater, evaporator, feed pump, oil filter, induced draft fan, electric generating set and switchboard, waste machine and evaporators, distiller, waste and soda tanks, engine's storeroom and workshop together with other machinery and outfit necessary for the proper operation of the ship. The vessels were designed by Messrs. Cox & Stevens, of New York.

County Cricket to Be Resumed in 1919. London, Dec. 17.—After a complete stoppage since August, 1914, English county cricket will be resumed next spring. The committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club are now busy preparing the schedule of county games next season. The big college games, Oxford vs. Cambridge, Eton vs. Harrow, and Rugby vs. Marlborough, always a big attraction at Lords, will also be played.

DAVIS TENNIS CUP

New York, Dec. 17.—Resumption of the Davis Cup matches in 1920, to be preceded by an impressive national championship tournament next August, are among the outstanding features of the recommendations prepared by the executive committee for the consideration of the National Lawn Tennis Association at the annual meeting of that organization next February.

HEADING HIM OFF

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MUTT AND JEFF

LOOK AT THIS JUNK, NO WONDER THE GERMANS SURRENDERED

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I ALMOST FORGOT THAT I'D WRITTEN HER A LOT OF DUNK ABOUT THE STUFF I'D CAPTURED FROM THE FRITZES. THE WORST OF IT IS I DIDN'T EVEN CAPTURE A PIECE OF SAUSAGE. I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

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(1) Amending Sub-section (iv) of paragraph (f) of Sub-section (1) of section 23 of the said Act, by providing that the amount of the annual assessment shall be determined by the Corporation, and that the Corporation may, in its discretion, vary the amount of the annual assessment.

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CALL NEW MEETING OF PUBLIC BODIES

The amalgamation scheme for local bodies, recently supported by a representative conference, took a new turn this morning when Joshua Kingham, President of the Board of Trade, refused to act as Chairman of a committee appointed to examine further into the matter and draw up a tangible plan.

This action was taken at a meeting of the Board of Trade Council which agreed after Mr. Kingham had explained his motives, that the committee should be called of the executives of Victoria public bodies concerned, to consider the means by which greater co-operation could be effected.

The meeting this morning had much to say with regard to the action of the recent conference. Mr. Kingham's refusal to act as chairman of the committee was an outcome of certain remarks passed at the larger gathering and was not on account of his objection to co-operation.

For Public Good. Commencing the discussion on the proposed amalgamation scheme, Mr. Kingham referred to the remarks of a certain speaker at the recent amalgamation conference. The speaker had stated that "Victoria was commonly regarded as a joke, and that the Board of Trade was considered the greatest joke of all."

Requested Not to Attend. Mr. Shallcross then moved that, in view of the remarks made by one speaker at the recent conference, Mr. Kingham be requested not to attend the meetings of the committee formed at that conference.

Protest Against Change of Name. Mr. Shallcross strongly protested to the proposal that the name "Board of Trade" be changed to that of the "Chamber of Commerce," which came from the United States.

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Board's Post Mortem. Mr. Kingham complained that the Board of Trade was more poorly represented at the amalgamation conference than any other body.

Ignoring Committee. William Agnew objected to Mr. Shallcross's suggestion that a meeting of the executives of public bodies be called.

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ENTRY IS RECORD IN POULTRY SHOW COMMENCING TO-DAY

Judges Making Awards on Two Thousand Exhibits This Afternoon

WINGLESS HEN IS ON EXHIBITION

Two thousand entries in all classes, an increase of 150 on that of last year, was recorded to-day at the third annual show of the Southern Vancouver Island Poultry Association held in the gallery of the Public Market Building.

A Wingless Wyandotte. A freak exhibit is shown by M. McDonald, a member of the Association, in a white Wyandotte. The bird, which otherwise is beautifully shaped and with a head that is approaching perfect, is absolutely minus wings.

Big Rabbit Class. The exhibit of the Victoria Rabbit Club has been combined with the show, making the largest class of rabbits ever entered.

The Officials. Wm. Walker, Westminster, an official of the A. P. A., and licensed judge, is placing the awards on the poultry classes.

Funeral services for the late James Chapman, a veteran of the great war, who passed away yesterday morning at his home, 2414 Blanshard Avenue, will be held at the Sands Funeral Chapel on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

The death occurred on Sunday evening at his home 1748 First Street of Albert S. Bassler, aged 37 years. The late Mr. Bassler was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and had been a resident of this city for the past ten years.

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PREMIER PAID VISIT TO INDUSTRIAL HOME

And Defended Superintendent Donaldson; Agrees Building is Unfitted

While in Vancouver yesterday Premier Oliver was interviewed on the subject of conditions at the Boys' Industrial Home at Point Grey, more particularly in relation to the allegations made by the Grand Jury at the Vancouver Assizes on Friday morning last.

"The officials, in my opinion, have done well for the opportunity they have had," said Hon. Mr. Oliver. "I was out there to-day and made an investigation. That is my conclusion. I do not believe any man, situated as Mr. Donaldson has been, could have done any better. In my opinion the buildings were not built for the purpose for which they are being used."

"With regard to solitary confinement, it is quite true that the rooms are unheated and barred, but the public should recollect that the boys would escape and that the school is not dealing with the normal boys under normal conditions."

"I have no doubt the whole building is unfitted for its use. Escape from the building would be difficult. It is a condition which has existed for a long while, I wish to point out. Then there is complaint about the bedding on bare boards. I have slept in that way for years and have experienced no hardship. But that is only made a subject to talk about."

Early this morning the Premier left for Squamish in order to transact certain business in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway system. According to information at the Parliament Buildings Mr. Oliver does not expect to return until Thursday of the present week.

Complains of Dogs.—At last night's meeting of the City Council a letter was read from the Kent's Edison Store complaining of the nuisance created about business premises as a result of dogs being permitted to run at large.

Early Closing By-law.—City Solicitor R. W. Hannington brought to the attention of the City Council last night the necessity of enacting a new Early Closing By-law and seeing that it is enforced in order to overcome the difficulties experienced under the present conditions.

City Council and Other Public Bodies Will Ask for Tax Revenues. Following the decision of the City Council last evening to ask Mayor Todd to arrange for an interview with the Provincial Executive for a discussion of the question of the Province turning over to the city for its own use such revenues as the amusement tax and motor tax, Mayor Todd this morning announced that an interview with the Government will take place on Friday.

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DESERTER GIVEN TWO-YEAR TERM

Alleged to Have Masqueraded as Wounded Overseas Veteran

Two years in prison was the sentence passed by Magistrate Jay in the Oak Bay Police Court this morning upon Francis Vigeant, a soldier of the 25th Battalion, charged with deserting from his battalion.

The case against the accused was made stronger by reason of the fact that it is alleged, he had masqueraded in a hospital patient under treatment, and that he had represented himself as having been to the front with the 102nd Battalion.

The Six hundred odd men of H.M.S. Lancaster, who have just recently arrived at Esquimalt from the Old Country and will spend Christmas many miles away from their friends and relations, are to be entertained at the Sailors' Club, Esquimalt, on December 27, and the institution will be thrown open for a festive celebration between the hours of three and eight o'clock on that day.

The Navy League will act as hosts, and everything possible will be done toward giving the men an enjoyable time. Games will be indulged in, and there will be plenty of music and refreshments. All members of the Navy League are asked to join in making the affair a success.

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SAVING BOY'S LIFE

Overvalued, who was fishing on the Dunsmuir Wharf yesterday fell into the sea. J. Stinson, a street sweeper, who was nearby jumped into the water after him and rescued the lad from drowning.

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REPORTS RESULTS OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Dr. A. G. Price, Medical Health Officer, Praises Volunteer Nurses

There would have been fewer deaths in Victoria as a result of the Spanish influenza epidemic if some of the people who had been given advice on how to ward off the disease had taken more precaution and paid a little heed to what had been told them, was the statement forming part of the report of Dr. A. G. Price, Medical Health Officer, to the City Council last night.

were not regarded nor the treatment suggested followed in many cases.

The deaths from influenza in October numbered 46 and in November 78. The following is an extract from Dr. Price's report:

"The number of cases reported in the city during the two months amounted to 2,439. The number, no doubt, is short, for although the cases were well reported, I have reason to believe that some escaped notice. At the Isolation Hospital all the wards, with the exception of those used for scarlet fever, were opened for cases of influenza, giving accommodation for about forty patients. It was further found necessary to open an emergency hospital, and the house at 1124 Fort Street was rented and opened for patients October 29. The Isolation Hospital treated 160 patients and the Emergency Hospital seventy-one patients during the two months. At the Isolation Hospital fifty-eight nurses and helpers were engaged and at the Emergency Hospital twenty-two many of whom were nevertheless attacked with influenza.

"Early in the epidemic the need for nurses was recognized and appeals were made for volunteers. There was a splendid response to the appeals and 128 V.A.D.'s and untrained ladies came forward and offered their help. Were it not for these splendid volunteers and the nurses who untiringly attended to their patients both in the hospitals and in the homes the successful management of the epidemic could have been impossible. I wish to record my appreciation of the splendid work of these ladies and to thank them, many of whom were themselves attacked with the disease, and who again returned to work as soon as they recovered.

"I wish also with reverence to mention the name of Miss Westwood, who succumbed to the disease, having contracted influenza from her patients, and who persevered with her labor of love until it was too late to save her own life."

BUILDING ASSOCIATION

New Co-operative Building and Loan Organization is Formed.

A practical contribution to the solution of the housing problem was made last evening when at a crowded meeting in the Winch Building the temporary organization was formed of a new Co-operative Building and Loan Association, to be known as the Greater Victoria Building Society. It was resolved to follow the general principles of the Victoria No. 2 Building Society and its predecessor the Victoria Building Society, which together have had a long and successful career, and within the last thirty years have loaned out many hundreds of thousands of dollars for the purpose of building homes or retiring mortgages on existing ones.

A board was elected pro tem, consisting of William Marchant, who at a subsequent meeting of the board was elected chairman, A. E. Brindley, Charles H. French, L. E. Gower and Thomas Walker. Capt. T. J. Goodlake was elected secretary-treasurer. A large number of shares were subscribed for at the meeting. Incorporation and allotment will be proceeded with in the near future. Meanwhile an active canvass for additional subscribers will be instituted. The office of the Society is at 8 and 9, Winch Building.

Opportunity and shrewd politicians wear rubber shoes.

COUNCIL WILLING TO HELP LOCAL INDUSTRY

"But Should Be Careful Not to Establish Dangerous Precedent," Says Mayor

City Engineer F. M. Preston's report to the City Council on the estimated cost of a road to the Cholberg Shipyard disclosed the fact that \$1,900 would be required, and in this connection a new proposal was made that the City, Provincial Government and the shipyard concern should each bear one-third of the cost of construction if decided upon.

The first suggestion was that the city should allow the amount of taxes due from the Cholberg Company to go toward the cost of building the road, and this point aroused a good deal of discussion at last night's meeting. Mayor Todd thought that if this alternative were adopted it would establish a very dangerous precedent, in view of work carried out under the local improvement plan elsewhere.

While wholly in sympathy with the policy of encouraging new industries, he pointed to the fact that there were many large industries on the east side of the harbor which were paying heavy taxes into the city treasury. "No doubt we need industries, but we must play fair and treat all alike," he remarked. Alderman Andros thought it was an injustice to tax an industry like the Cholberg Shipyard, and Alderman Walker was not in favor of taxing the industry at all. In any event, he did not see how the City would collect taxes before it had given access to the property used by the Cholberg Company.

Alderman Porter stated that as the concern had been on the property only four months, it would not be right to tax it for the full year. Alderman Sangster was of the opinion that the question of taxes should not be mixed up in the road affair at all.

In answer to Mayor Todd's statement that there were hundreds of people paying taxes who had no road at all, Alderman Sargent stated that such cases were isolated ones. Six hundred dollars was not a large amount to spend to help establish an industry in Victoria, and the City would be well repaid for the investment. He hoped the Government and the company would agree to do their parts, and get the road built.

Alderman Dinsdale: "The Council can do nothing better than assist industries." Mayor Todd: "Every other industry on the Reserve, or elsewhere, will have the same right if we establish this precedent." The discussion ended in the Council favoring the scheme for a division of the cost between the City, Provincial Government and the Cholberg Shipyard.

WANTS EARLY START ON TRAFFIC BRIDGE

Alderman Harvey Urges City Council to Serve Public and Returned Men

Alderman John Harvey brought to the attention of the City Council last evening the pressing need of some kind of a traffic bridge across the Inner Harbor which would give the city closer and more adequate connection with the industrial sites on the Songhees Reserve, and the thickly populated district of Victoria West.

Mayor Todd has been communicating with the parties interested in the construction of the Johnson Street bridge, and Alderman Harvey requested to know how the matter now stood. Mayor Todd replied that he had received a letter a week or so ago stating that the matter was under consideration by the heads of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Alderman Harvey then stated that as men are fast returning from France it was imperative that something should be done to give them employment, and such works as were carried on should be those which would be of service to the public. It would be good business, in his opinion, to go ahead with the construction of the bridge, even if it cost \$25,000 or so more than it would have cost had the structure been built two or three years ago. If something definite does not result from the negotiations Alderman Harvey considered that the matter should be energetically prosecuted and that efforts should not be abandoned until it was crowned with success. "The returned soldiers will not accept charity," he said. "They will want work and anything in that nature that we require in the interests of the community should be set about without further delay."

TAXPAYERS TOOK NO INTEREST IN MATTER

Life of Civic Retrenchment Association Ended as Result of Apathy

After wavering for many weeks in an atmosphere of uncertainty as to what course should be taken, as a result of the poor attendance at meetings of the Civic Retrenchment Association, that body decided at its annual meeting in the Belmont Block last evening to go out of business altogether. Though the organization has 278 members, there was an attendance of only thirteen at last night's meeting.

It has been understood for some time that conditions were such as to preclude further activities on the part of an association which at its outset was one of the most lively and influential bodies in civic life. Though the ideals of the association were such as would appeal to the taxpayer, the numbers in attendance gradually fell off, a wave of apathy swept over the organization

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About Two Dozen Novelty Runners, for table, sideboard or dressing stand, made from pretty cretonne with lace and wide insertion; size 18 x 45 and 16 x 45 inches. Regular \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Wednesday morning, each **79c** —Second Floor

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Girls' Wash Dresses for ages 6 to 12 years, made of good quality gingham in blue and white, sky and white, navy and white checks. Pretty styles, finished with piping. Regular \$1.50. Wednesday morning **98c** —First Floor

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COAL PRODUCTION DROPS IN NOVEMBER

General Increase for 1918 Over Eleven Months of Last Year

Estimated figures for British Columbia's November coal output indicate a material decrease in comparison with the previous month, the difference being approximately 48,476 tons. This is explained by the fact that the Vancouver Island Collieries, in almost every instance, failed to measure up to the usual standard owing to the time lost by their employees who were victims for various periods to Spanish influenza.

Production for the Province is placed at about 168,996 tons, while that for October was 217,422 tons. The total output for the year 1918 up to the end of November approximates 2,372,161 tons, or an increase over 1917 of 222,186 tons.

Vancouver Island Details.

Following are the detailed figures for Vancouver Island Collieries for November compared with those of October:

Western Fuel Company, November, 49,121 tons, October, 59,219 tons; Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, November, 27,965 tons, October, 47,904 tons; the same company's Wellington-Extension properties, November, 17,212 tons, October, 26,762 tons; Pacific Coast Coal Mines, November, 2,914 tons, October, 5,773 tons; B. C. Coal Mining Company (Jingle Pot Mine), November, 3,257 tons, October, 3,025 tons; Nanaimo Collieries, November, 1,112 tons, October, 1,990 tons; Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company (Cassidy's), November, 2,010 tons, October, 2,540 tons. The grand total for November stands at the estimated figure of 102,695 tons and for October 146,233 tons.

Nicola Valley.

Production in the Nicola Valley field for the months of November and October are given as follows, November, being estimated: Middleboro Collieries, November, 6,000 tons, October, 5,202 tons; Fleming Coal Min-

CATARRAL DEAFNESS MAY BE OVERCOME

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or are even just a little hard of hearing or have heard noises go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Farmitin (double strength), and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day. This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Chopped nostrils should open, breathing becomes easy and the mucus stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone losing hearing or who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial.